

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 834

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

34 **SECTION 1.** Section 71-3-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
35 amended as follows:

36 71-3-153. The purpose of Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181
37 is to provide a mechanism for the payment of the covered claims
38 under the Workers' Compensation Law, to avoid excessive delay in
39 payment and to avoid financial loss to claimants because of the
40 insolvency of a self-insurer, to assist in the detection and
41 prevention of self-insurer insolvencies, and to provide * * *
42 associations to assess the cost of such protection among
43 self-insurers.

44 Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181 shall apply to all
45 employers who are self-insurers under the provisions of Section
46 71-3-75, Mississippi Code of 1972.

47 **SECTION 2.** Section 71-3-157, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
48 amended as follows:

49 71-3-157. For the purposes of Sections 71-3-151 through
50 71-3-181, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed
51 herein unless the context shall otherwise require:

52 (a) "Individual association" means the Mississippi
53 Workers' Compensation Individual Self-insurer Guaranty Association
54 created under Section 71-3-159.

55 (b) "Group association" means the Mississippi Workers'
56 Compensation Group Self-insurer Guaranty Association created under
57 Section 71-3-159.

58 (c) "Commission" means the Mississippi Workers'
59 Compensation Commission.

60 (d) "Compensation" means amounts payable to claimants
61 under the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Law as defined in
62 Section 71-3-3(j), Mississippi Code of 1972.

63 (e) "Covered claim" means an unpaid claim upon which
64 compensation or medical is payable by an individual self-insurer
65 or a group self-insurer under the Workers' Compensation Law.

66 (f) "Self-insurer in default" means an individual
67 self-insurer or a group self-insurer as defined by this chapter
68 that has defaulted or failed for any reason to satisfy any of its
69 obligations under the Workers' Compensation Law, including,
70 without limitation, all obligations for payment of indemnity
71 compensation, disability, expenses of medical, hospital, surgical,
72 rehabilitation and other services, death benefits and funeral
73 expenses, whether such default or failure is the result of
74 insolvency or bankruptcy or receivership or otherwise.

75 (g) "Member self-insurer" means a self-insurer as
76 defined by this chapter who is a member of the Mississippi
77 Workers' Compensation Individual Self-insurer Guaranty Association
78 or the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Group Self-insurer
79 Guaranty Association.

80 (h) "Individual self-insurer" is an employer who has
81 been authorized under Section 71-3-75(2), Mississippi Code of
82 1972, to insure under the Workers' Compensation Law.

83 (i) "Group self-insurer" is a group of employers who
84 have been authorized under Section 71-3-75(3), Mississippi Code of
85 1972, to insure under the Workers' Compensation Law.

86 (j) "Person" means any individual, corporation,
87 partnership, association or voluntary organization.

88 **SECTION 3.** Section 71-3-159, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
89 amended as follows:

90 71-3-159. There are created * * * nonprofit unincorporated
91 legal entities to be known as the "Mississippi Workers'
92 Compensation Individual Self-insurer Guaranty Association" and the
93 "Mississippi Workers' Compensation Group Self-insurer Guaranty
94 Association." All individual self-insurers shall be and remain

95 members of the individual association and all group self-insurers
96 shall be and remain members of the group association as a
97 condition of their authority under Section 71-3-75, Mississippi
98 Code of 1972. These associations shall perform their functions
99 under * * * plans of operation established and approved under
100 Section 71-3-165 and shall exercise their powers through * * *
101 boards of directors established under Section 71-3-161. However,
102 any individual or group self-insurer composed of the state, or any
103 agency thereof, or county or municipal governments shall not be
104 required to be members of the individual association or the group
105 association.

106 **SECTION 4.** Section 71-3-161, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
107 amended as follows:

108 71-3-161. (1) The boards of directors of the individual
109 association and the group association shall each consist of not
110 less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) persons, serving terms
111 as established in their plans of operation. The members of each
112 of the boards shall be selected by their respective member
113 self-insurers, subject to the approval of the commission.
114 Vacancies of the boards shall be filled for the remaining period
115 of the term in the same manner as initial appointments.

116 (2) In approving selections to the boards, the commission
117 shall consider, among other things, whether all member
118 self-insurers of their respective association are fairly
119 represented.

120 (3) Subject to board approval, members of the boards may be
121 reimbursed from the assets of their respective associations for
122 expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, incurred
123 by them as members of the boards of directors.

124 **SECTION 5.** Section 71-3-163, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
125 amended as follows:

126 71-3-163. (1) Each association shall:

127 (a) Be obligated to the extent of its covered claims
128 existing prior to the date of default and arising within thirty
129 (30) days after the date of default. In no event shall an

130 association be obligated to a claimant in an amount in excess of
131 the obligation of the defaulting member self-insurer of such
132 association.

133 (b) Be deemed the self-insurer to the extent of
134 obligations on its * * * covered claims and to such extent shall
135 have all rights, duties and obligations of the individual
136 self-insurer in default or insolvent group self-insurer in default
137 as if such self-insurer were not in default.

138 (c) Assess its respective individual self-insurers or
139 group self-insurers amounts necessary to pay the obligations of
140 the association under subsection (2) of this section, the expenses
141 of handling covered claims and other expenses authorized by
142 Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181. The assessments of each
143 individual self-insurer and each group self-insurer shall be two
144 percent (2%) of the gross paid compensation and medical supplies
145 and services of said member self-insurer during each period of six
146 (6) months. Said two percent (2%) assessment shall be collected
147 by the commission at the same time as and pursuant to the
148 procedures adopted by the commission pursuant to Section 71-3-99,
149 Mississippi Code of 1972. All funds in the Mississippi Workers'
150 Compensation Self-insurer Guaranty Association on July 1, 2004,
151 shall become and remain assets of the Mississippi Workers'
152 Compensation Individual Self-insurer Guaranty Association, but
153 shall be used only for purposes of satisfying obligations arising
154 from covered claims filed with the Mississippi Workers'
155 Compensation Self-insurer Guaranty Association on and before July
156 1, 2004. All obligations arising from covered claims filed with
157 the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Self-insurer Guaranty
158 Association on and before July 1, 2004, shall remain obligations
159 of all employers who were approved self-insureds as of the dates
160 such covered claims were filed. All obligations arising from
161 covered claims filed after July 1, 2004, shall become the sole
162 obligation of the association to which the insolvent individual
163 self-insurer or group self-insurer belongs. The two percent (2%)
164 assessment on each individual self-insurer and on each group

165 self-insurer shall be collected by the commission until the sum of
166 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is accumulated by the
167 individual association and the sum of One Million Dollars
168 (\$1,000,000.00) is accumulated by the group association. At that
169 time the assessments shall be suspended. However, any employer
170 that becomes authorized under Section 71-3-75 to be a member
171 self-insurer after July 1, 1996, is not entitled to have the two
172 percent (2%) assessment suspended until such member self-insurer
173 has contributed to the guaranty fund to which it belongs for the
174 first four (4) years such employer is a member self-insurer * * *
175 regardless of the amount in the guaranty fund of the association
176 to which it belongs. The two percent (2%) assessment shall be
177 reinstated for all member self-insurers of the individual
178 association at any time that the guaranty fund balance of the
179 individual association reaches One Million Five Hundred Thousand
180 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) and such assessment shall continue until
181 such time as the balance * * * is Two Million Dollars
182 (\$2,000,000.00). The two percent (2%) assessment shall be
183 reinstated for all member self-insurers of the group association
184 at any time that the guaranty fund balance of the group
185 association reaches Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
186 (\$750,000.00) and such assessment shall continue until such time
187 as the balance is One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). If the
188 maximum assessment, together with the other assets of an
189 association, does not provide in any one (1) year an amount
190 sufficient to make all necessary payments, the funds available in
191 such association shall be paid as directed by the commission and
192 any unpaid portion shall be paid as soon thereafter as funds in
193 such association become available. When the guaranty fund balance
194 of the group association reaches One Million Dollars
195 (\$1,000,000.00), the commission may waive the need for bonding
196 requirements for self-funded pools.

197 (d) Investigate claims brought against the association;
198 adjust, compromise, settle and pay covered claims to the extent of
199 the association's obligations; deny all other claims; and may

200 review settlements, releases and judgments to which the member
201 self-insurer in default were parties to determine the extent to
202 which such settlements, releases and judgments may be properly
203 contested.

204 (e) Notify such persons as the commission directs under
205 Section 71-3-167(2)(a).

206 (f) Handle claims through its employees or through one
207 or more other persons designated as servicing facilities.
208 Designation of a servicing facility is subject to the approval of
209 the commission.

210 (g) Reimburse each servicing facility for obligations
211 of the association paid by the facility and for expenses incurred
212 by the facility while handling claims on behalf of the
213 association, and shall pay the other expenses of the association
214 authorized by Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181.

215 (2) Each association may:

216 (a) Employ or retain such persons as are necessary to
217 handle claims and perform other duties of the association.

218 (b) Sue or be sued.

219 (c) Negotiate and become a party to such contracts as
220 are necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 71-3-151
221 through 71-3-181.

222 (d) Perform such other acts as are necessary or proper
223 to effectuate the purposes of Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181.

224 **SECTION 6.** Section 71-3-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
225 amended as follows:

226 71-3-165. (1) Each association shall submit to the
227 commission a plan of operation and any amendments thereto
228 necessary or suitable to assure the fair, reasonable and equitable
229 administration of the association. The plan of operation and any
230 amendments thereto shall become effective upon approval in writing
231 by the commission.

232 (2) If at any time an association fails to submit suitable
233 amendments to its plan, the commission shall, after notice and
234 hearings, adopt and promulgate such reasonable rules as are

235 necessary or advisable to effectuate the provisions of Sections
236 71-3-151 through 71-3-181. Such rules shall continue in force
237 until modified by the commission or superseded by a plan submitted
238 by the noncomplying association and approved by the commission.

239 (3) All member self-insurers shall comply with the plan of
240 operation of the association to which they belong. The plan of
241 operation of each association shall:

242 (a) Establish the procedures whereby all the powers and
243 duties of the association under Section 71-3-163 will be
244 performed.

245 (b) Establish procedures for handling assets of the
246 association.

247 (c) Establish the amount and method of reimbursing
248 members of the board of directors under Section 71-3-161.

249 (d) Establish procedures by which claims may be filed
250 with the association, and establish acceptable forms of proof of
251 covered claims.

252 (e) Establish regular places and times for meetings of
253 the board of directors.

254 (f) Establish procedures for records to be kept of all
255 financial transactions of the association, its agents and the
256 board of directors.

257 (g) Provide that any individual self-insurer or group
258 self-insurer aggrieved by any final action or decision of the
259 association to which it belongs may appeal to the commission
260 within thirty (30) days after the action or decision.

261 (h) Establish the procedures whereby selections for the
262 board of directors will be submitted to the commission.

263 (i) Contain additional provisions necessary or proper
264 for the execution of the powers and duties of the association.

265 (4) The plan of operation of each association may provide
266 that any or all powers and duties of the association, except those
267 under Section 71-3-163(1)(c) and Section 71-3-174, are delegated
268 to a corporation, association or other organization which performs
269 or will perform functions similar to those of the association.

270 Such a corporation, association or organization shall be
271 reimbursed as a servicing facility would be reimbursed, and shall
272 be paid for its performance of any other functions of the
273 association. A delegation under this subsection shall take effect
274 only with the approval of both the board of directors of the
275 association and the commission, and may be made only to a
276 corporation, association or organization which extends protection
277 not substantially less favorable and effective than that provided
278 by Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181.

279 **SECTION 7.** Section 71-3-167, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
280 amended as follows:

281 71-3-167. (1) The commission shall:

282 (a) Upon the request of an association or of any other
283 party or without any request on its own motion, enter any
284 appropriate order finding a member self-insurer to be in default
285 and to determine the date of such default and promptly notify the
286 association to which such member self-insurer belongs of the
287 existence of such default and the date of such default.

288 (b) Upon request of the board of directors of an
289 association, provide such association with a statement of
290 compensation payments of each member self-insurer of such
291 association.

292 (2) The commission may:

293 (a) Require that the group association notify the
294 member self-insurers of any group self-insurer in default and any
295 other interested parties of the default. Such notification shall
296 be by mail at their last known address, where available, but if
297 sufficient information for notification by mail is not available,
298 notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation shall
299 be sufficient.

300 (b) Suspend or revoke, after notice and hearing, the
301 authority to self-insure granted under Section 71-3-75,
302 Mississippi Code of 1972, of any member self-insurer who fails to
303 pay an assessment when due, or fails to comply with the plan of
304 operation of the association to which it belongs. As an

305 alternative, the commission may levy a fine on any member
306 self-insurer who fails to pay an assessment when due or fails to
307 comply with the plan of operation. Such fine shall not exceed
308 five percent (5%) of the unpaid assessment per month, except that
309 no fine shall be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per
310 month.

311 (c) Revoke the designation of any servicing facility if
312 it finds claims are being handled unsatisfactorily.

313 (3) Any final action or order of the commission under
314 Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181 shall be subject to judicial
315 review in a court of competent jurisdiction.

316 **SECTION 8.** Section 71-3-169, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
317 amended as follows:

318 71-3-169. (1) Any person recovering from an association
319 under Sections 71-3-151 through 71-3-181 shall be deemed to have
320 assigned his rights under the Workers' Compensation Law to such
321 association to the extent of his recovery from such association.
322 Any claimant seeking the protection of Sections 71-3-151 through
323 71-3-181 shall cooperate with the association against which claim
324 is made to the same extent as such person would have been required
325 to cooperate with the member self-insurer in default. Such
326 association shall have no cause of action under the Workers'
327 Compensation Law against the claimant * * * of the member
328 self-insurer in default for any sums it has paid out except such
329 causes of action as such member self-insurer in default would have
330 had if such sums had been paid by such member self-insurer in
331 default.

332 (2) An association may recover from the self-insurer in
333 default and from a group self-insurer in default all amounts paid
334 by such association on account of covered claims of employees of
335 the member self-insurer in default and any group self-insurer in
336 default to which such member self-insurer in default belongs, as
337 well as all expenses incurred by such association in evaluating,
338 adjusting, defending or settling covered claims of such
339 employees * * *. It shall be presumed that all amounts paid by

340 such association under this section are reasonable, necessary and
341 otherwise in compliance with this chapter. There shall be added
342 to any recovery under this section expenses of litigation of such
343 association in obtaining such recovery, interest at the rate of
344 eight percent (8%) per annum commencing on the date of such
345 default and a ten percent (10%) penalty.

346 **SECTION 9.** Section 71-3-173, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
347 amended as follows:

348 71-3-173. To aid in the detection and prevention of
349 individual self-insurer insolvencies and group self-insurer
350 insolvencies:

351 (a) The board of directors of an association may, upon
352 majority vote, request that the commission order an examination of
353 any of its member self-insurers and group self-insurers which the
354 board in good faith believes may be in a financial condition
355 hazardous to the potential claimants or the public. Upon making
356 any such request to the commission, such board of directors shall
357 recommend for commission approval persons to perform the
358 examination. The examination shall commence within thirty (30)
359 days following the commission's approval of such request for
360 examination. The commission may request a board of directors to
361 recommend for commission approval, and a board of directors can
362 request the commission to approve, alternative persons to complete
363 an examination if it is believed the examination is not being
364 performed in a timely and efficient manner. * * * The cost of
365 such examination shall be paid by the association requesting such
366 examination, and * * * examination reports shall be forwarded to
367 the commission and treated as are other examination reports. In
368 no event shall reports of such examination * * * be released to
369 the board of directors of such association prior to release to the
370 public, but this shall not preclude the commission from complying
371 with paragraph (b) of this section. The commission shall notify
372 the board of directors of such association when the examination is
373 completed. Each request for an examination by an association
374 shall be kept on file by the commission, but it shall not be open

375 to public inspection prior to the release of an examination report
376 to the public.

377 (b) It shall be the duty of the commission to report to
378 the board of directors of an association when it has reasonable
379 cause to believe that any member self-insurer or group
380 self-insurer examined or being examined at the request of the
381 board of directors of such association may be insolvent or in a
382 financial condition hazardous to potential claimants or the
383 public.

384 (c) The board of directors of an association may, upon
385 majority vote, make reports and recommendations to the commission
386 upon any matter germane to the solvency, bankruptcy or
387 reorganization of any of its member self-insurers and group
388 self-insurers. Such reports and recommendations shall not be
389 considered public documents.

390 (d) The board of directors of an association may, upon
391 majority vote, make recommendations to the commission for the
392 detection and prevention of member self-insurer insolvencies and
393 group self-insurer insolvencies.

394 (e) The board of directors of an association shall, at
395 the conclusion of any * * * insolvency, bankruptcy case or * * *
396 default * * * where such association was obligated to pay covered
397 claims, prepare a report on the history and causes of such
398 insolvency and bankruptcy, based on the information available to
399 such association, and submit such report to the commission.

400 **SECTION 10.** The following section shall be codified as
401 Section 71-3-174, Mississippi Code of 1972:

402 71-3-174. If an association assumes any obligations of an
403 individual self-insurer or group self-insurer under this chapter,
404 and payments of such obligations exceed the assets of such
405 association, such association shall within not less than sixty
406 (60) days thereafter submit for approval by the commission a plan
407 for special assessment of each individual self-insurer and group
408 self-insurer who may be responsible for payment of such
409 obligations in excess of the assets of such association. Such

410 plan for special assessment shall also include the expenses of
411 such association related to the processing of obligations covered
412 by the special assessment plan. Failure to comply with a
413 commission-approved special assessment plan of an association
414 shall create a cause of action in favor of such association
415 against any noncompliant member self-insurer and any noncompliant
416 group self-insurer for recovery of payments and expenses by such
417 association for which the noncompliant member self-insurer or
418 noncompliant group self-insurer should have been obligated. It
419 shall be presumed that all obligations paid by an association
420 pursuant to a commission-approved special assessment plan,
421 including, but not limited to, expenses associated with processing
422 such obligations, are reasonable, necessary and otherwise in
423 compliance with the requirements of this chapter. There shall be
424 added to any recovery under this section expenses of litigation of
425 such association related to such cause of action, interest at the
426 rate of eight percent (8%) per annum beginning on the date of such
427 noncompliance and a ten percent (10%) penalty.

428 **SECTION 11.** Section 71-3-175, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
429 amended as follows:

430 71-3-175. The individual association and group association
431 shall be subject to examination and regulation by the commission.
432 The board of directors of each association shall submit, not later
433 than March 30 of each year, a financial report for the preceding
434 calendar year in a form approved by the commission. The
435 commission shall furnish the board of directors of an association
436 any records of the commission which would aid in the preparation
437 of this financial report.

438 **SECTION 12.** Section 71-3-177, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
439 amended as follows:

440 71-3-177. The individual association and group association
441 shall be exempt from payment of all fees and all taxes levied by
442 this state or any of its subdivisions except taxes levied on real
443 or personal property.

444 **SECTION 13.** Section 71-3-179, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
445 amended as follows:

446 71-3-179. Subject to Section 71-3-174, there shall be no
447 liability on the part of and no cause of action of any nature
448 shall arise against any individual self-insurer, any group
449 self-insurer, association, * * * agents and employees of an
450 association, board of directors of an association, and the
451 commission and its employees and representatives, or any of them,
452 for any good faith, affirmative action taken by any of them in the
453 performance of their powers and duties under Sections 71-3-151
454 through 71-3-181. This section does not apply to individual
455 employers who are members of a group self-insurer. Such immunity
456 shall not extend to any acts of gross negligence by any such
457 individual self-insurer, group self-insurer, association, agents
458 and employees of an association, board of directors of an
459 association and the commission and its employees and
460 representative committed in the performance of their duties
461 hereunder.

462 **SECTION 14.** Section 71-3-181, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
463 amended as follows:

464 71-3-181. All proceedings in which any individual
465 self-insurer in default or group self-insurer in default is a
466 party before the commission or in any court in this state, on
467 order of the commission, may be stayed for a period not to exceed
468 six (6) months from the date of the default to permit proper
469 defense by such association of all covered claims. If any
470 judgment, order, decision, verdict or finding is made or entered
471 against such individual self-insurer in default or group
472 self-insurer in default while the stay provided in this section is
473 effective, the association to which such individual self-insurer
474 or group self-insurer belongs may apply to have such judgment,
475 order, decision, verdict or finding set aside by the same court or
476 administrator that made such judgment, order, decision, verdict or
477 finding. Such association shall be permitted to enter its

478 appearance and defend against any covered claim which is pending
479 on the date of default or which is filed thereafter.

480 **SECTION 15.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
481 and after July 1, 2004.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-159, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE TWO NONPROFIT UNINCORPORATED LEGAL ENTITIES TO BE KNOWN
3 AS THE "MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION INDIVIDUAL SELF-INSURER
4 GUARANTY ASSOCIATION" AND THE "MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION
5 GROUP SELF-INSURER GUARANTY ASSOCIATION"; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY
6 INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SELF-INSURER COMPOSED OF THE STATE, OR ANY
7 AGENCY THEREOF, OR COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL NOT BE
8 REQUIRED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATION OR THE GROUP
9 ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-157, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
10 TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-161, MISSISSIPPI CODE
11 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIVIDUAL
12 ASSOCIATION AND THE GROUP ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND SECTION 71-3-163,
13 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS IN THE
14 MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURER GUARANTY
15 ASSOCIATION SHALL BECOME AND REMAIN ASSETS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
16 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INDIVIDUAL SELF-INSURER GUARANTY
17 ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS TO EACH INDIVIDUAL
18 SELF-INSURER AND TO EACH GROUP SELF-INSURER; TO AMEND SECTION
19 71-3-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT EACH
20 ASSOCIATION SHALL SUBMIT A PLAN OF OPERATION TO THE COMMISSION; TO
21 AMEND SECTION 71-3-169, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT
22 CERTAIN EXPENSES, INTEREST AND PENALTIES SHALL BE ADDED TO ANY
23 RECOVERY BY AN ASSOCIATION FROM A SELF-INSURER IN DEFAULT; TO
24 AMEND SECTION 71-3-173, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR
25 CERTAIN EXAMINATIONS OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MEMBER
26 SELF-INSURERS AND GROUP SELF-INSURERS; TO CREATE NEW CODE SECTION
27 71-3-174, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL
28 ASSESSMENT PLANS IF AN ASSOCIATION ASSUMES OBLIGATIONS OF AN
29 INDIVIDUAL SELF-INSURER OR GROUP SELF-INSURER WHICH EXCEED THE
30 ASSETS OF SUCH ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 71-3-153, 71-3-167,
31 71-3-175, 71-3-177, 71-3-179 AND 71-3-181, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
32 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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