

By: Representative Malone

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 613

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE FROM THREE TO EIGHT YEARS THE MAXIMUM LEASE TERM FOR  
3 WHICH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY LEASE  
4 LAND OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-64. The Mississippi Commissioner of Corrections  
10 is \* \* \* directed to determine the number of acres and location of  
11 land under its jurisdiction which are needed for security purposes  
12 and for Prison Agricultural Enterprises. The Commissioner of  
13 Corrections shall designate and reserve such additional land for  
14 agricultural enterprise projects of the Department of Corrections,  
15 as he deems necessary. The Mississippi Commissioner of  
16 Corrections shall then recommend to the Governor's Office of  
17 General Services the number of acres of department land which  
18 should be leased to private entities and the term of the leases.  
19 The Governor's Office of General Services shall have the authority  
20 to lease for agricultural purposes that Penitentiary land so  
21 recommended for not less than one (1) nor more than eight (8)  
22 years, with the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after July 1, 2005.