

By: Representatives Rogers (61st), Baker
(74th), Jennings, Markham, Miles, Montgomery,
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To: Military Affairs;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 738

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD TO BEAR THE FULL
3 COST OF PROCESSING MONTHLY RECURRING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS MADE BY
4 ITS MORTGAGE CUSTOMERS WITHOUT ASSESSING ANY FEES OR ADDITIONAL
5 CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-104-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 27-104-33. The State Department of Finance and
11 Administration shall establish policies that allow the payment of
12 various fees and other accounts receivable to state agencies by
13 credit cards, charge cards, debit cards and other forms of
14 electronic payment in the discretion of the department. Any fees
15 or charges associated with the use of such electronic payments
16 shall be assessed to the user of the electronic payment as an
17 additional charge for processing the electronic payment, so that
18 the user will pay the full cost of using the electronic payment.
19 However, the Veterans' Home Purchase Board may bear the full cost
20 of processing the monthly recurring electronic payments made by
21 its mortgage customers without assessing any fees or additional
22 charges associated with the use of the electronic payments.

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