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To: Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2608  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
2 ADMINISTRATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
3 HEALTH, TO SELL CERTAIN STATE-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY  
4 OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT  
5 OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN  
6 LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN; TO  
7 AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER  
8 CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO  
9 THE CITY OF WOODVILLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
10 TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN  
11 LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE COUNTY OF LAWRENCE; TO AMEND  
12 SECTION 37-33-157, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO OWN REAL PROPERTY, AND TO  
14 CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE OR REPAIR ANY BUILDINGS ON SUCH PROPERTY; TO  
15 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIGN  
16 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY  
17 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MADISON, MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO  
18 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIGN  
19 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CERTAIN STATE-OWNED REAL  
20 PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, CLAY COUNTY,  
21 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

23 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and  
24 Administration, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of  
25 Mental Health, and upon meeting the requirements of Section  
26 29-1-1, may sell and convey all or part of certain state-owned  
27 real property located in the City of Meridian, Lauderdale County,  
28 commonly known as the Matty Hersee Hospital, more particularly  
29 described as follows:

30 **PARCEL ONE**  
31 Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4  
32 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 6 North,  
33 Range 15 East, Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi;  
34 thence from said point run East 34.0 feet; thence run  
35 North 30.0 feet to the point of intersection of the  
36 Easternmost right-of-way line of 53rd Avenue and the

37 Northernmost right-of-way line of Valley Street; thence  
38 from said point run North 89 degrees 40 minutes 30  
39 seconds East a distance of 519.74 feet more or less  
40 along the North right-of-way line of Valley Street to  
41 the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described parcel,  
42 said POINT OF BEGINNING also being the Southeast corner  
43 of a parcel of property leased to the Lauderdale County  
44 Board of Supervisors; thence from said POINT OF  
45 BEGINNING run North 89 degrees 40 feet 30 seconds East a  
46 distance of 370.22 feet more or less along the  
47 Northernmost right-of-way line of Valley Street to its  
48 intersection with the Westernmost right-of-way line of  
49 US Highway 11; thence along said right-of-way line,  
50 North 10 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds East a distance  
51 of 117.47 feet more or less to a point; thence along a  
52 curve to the left having a chord bearing and distance of  
53 North 31 degrees 00 minutes 42 seconds West 431.43 feet,  
54 said curve having a radius of 323.03 feet and an arc  
55 length of 472.42 feet to a point on the South  
56 right-of-way line of Mississippi Highway 19; thence  
57 along said South right-of-way line as follows: North 73  
58 degrees 03 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 315.62  
59 feet; thence South 17 degrees 22 minutes 07 seconds West  
60 25.0 feet; thence North 72 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds  
61 West 150.0 feet; thence North 17 degrees 05 minutes 07  
62 seconds East 15.0 feet; thence North 72 degrees 55  
63 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 48.12 feet to a  
64 point being the Northeast corner of the lease parcel of  
65 the Mississippi Highway Patrol; thence run South 00  
66 degrees 38 feet 07 seconds East along the East line of  
67 the Mississippi Highway Patrol lease parcel a distance  
68 of 250.99 feet more or less to the North line of the  
69 previously referenced Lauderdale County Mississippi

70 lease; thence along the Northerly and Easterly lines of  
71 said lease parcel as follows: North 84 degrees 16  
72 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 64.83 feet; thence  
73 North 85 degrees 28 minutes 31 seconds East a distance  
74 of 155.54 feet; thence run South 04 degrees 34 minutes  
75 59 seconds East a distance of 202.0 feet; thence South  
76 21 degrees 00 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of  
77 67.15 feet; thence South 67 degrees 31 minutes 01  
78 seconds East a distance of 57.12 feet; thence South 05  
79 degrees 18 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of  
80 109.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and said parcel  
81 containing 6.0 acres more or less and being located  
82 in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of  
83 Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Lauderdale  
84 County, Mississippi; LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM the 1.5  
85 acre tract situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the  
86 Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 15  
87 East, Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and  
88 described in Section 2 of this act as PARCEL TWO.

89 (2) Meridian Community College shall have the right of first  
90 refusal to purchase or lease-purchase the real property described  
91 as Parcel One in subsection (1) of this section.

92 (3) The real property described in subsection (1) of this  
93 section shall be sold for not less than the current fair market  
94 value as determined by the averaging of at least two (2)  
95 appraisals by qualified appraisers who shall be selected by the  
96 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be certified  
97 and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing  
98 and Certification Board.

99 (4) Any funds received by the State of Mississippi for the  
100 sale and conveyance of the real property described in subsection  
101 (1) of this section shall be deposited into the East Mississippi  
102 State Hospital Fund, Department of Mental Health.

103 (5) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights  
104 to the real property sold and conveyed pursuant to this section.

105 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Finance and  
106 Administration, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of  
107 Mental Health, may sell to Meridian Community College, on such  
108 terms and conditions as agreed to by such parties, certain  
109 state-owned real property located in the City of Meridian,  
110 Lauderdale County, more particularly described as follows:

111 **PARCEL TWO**

112 A certain 1.50 acre tract situated in part of the  
113 Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14,  
114 Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Meridian,  
115 Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and being more  
116 particularly described as follows:

117 Commencing at a nail found marking the Southwest  
118 corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of  
119 Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Meridian,  
120 Lauderdale County, Mississippi; thence East 34.00 feet;  
121 thence North 30.00 feet to an iron pin marking the  
122 intersection of the North right-of-way line of Valley  
123 Street with the Easterly right-of-way line of 53<sup>rd</sup>  
124 Avenue; thence along said Easterly line, North 00  
125 degrees 38 minutes 07 seconds West 692.38 feet to an  
126 iron pin found on the South right-of-way line of  
127 Mississippi Highway No. 19; thence along said South  
128 line, South 72 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East  
129 211.22 feet to an iron pin found marking the  
130 Northeast corner of that certain tract leased to  
131 the Mississippi Highway Patrol, said point being  
132 the Point of Beginning of the herein described  
133 tract; thence along said South line as follows:  
134 South 72 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 48.12  
135 feet, South 17 degrees 05 minutes 07 seconds West

136 15.00 feet, South 72 degrees 54 minutes 53 seconds  
137 East 150.00 feet, North 17 degrees 22 minutes 07  
138 seconds East 25.00 feet, South 73 degrees 03 minutes  
139 29 seconds East 186.16 feet; thence leaving said  
140 right-of-way line, South 05 degrees 02 minutes 38  
141 seconds East 97.93 feet; thence South 85 degrees 24  
142 minutes 54 seconds West 33.05 feet; thence South 04  
143 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East 19.25 feet; thence  
144 South 85 degrees 28 minutes 31 seconds West 125.90  
145 feet to the Northeast corner of that certain tract  
146 leased for the Lauderdale County Multipurpose Health  
147 Center; thence along the North line of said lease tract,  
148 South 85 degrees 28 minutes 31 seconds West 155.54 feet  
149 to an iron pin found; thence along said North lease  
150 line, South 84 degrees 16 minutes 11 seconds West 64.83  
151 feet to a point on the East line the aforesaid tract  
152 leased to the Mississippi Highway Patrol; thence along  
153 said East line, North 00 degrees 38 minutes 07 seconds  
154 West 250.99 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing  
155 1.50 acres, more or less.

156 (2) The real property described in subsection (1) of this  
157 section shall be sold for not less than the current fair market  
158 value as determined by the averaging of at least two (2)  
159 appraisals by qualified appraisers who shall be selected by the  
160 Department of Finance and Administration and shall be certified  
161 and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing  
162 and Certification Board.

163 (3) Any funds received by the State of Mississippi for the  
164 sale and conveyance of the real property described in subsection  
165 (1) of this section shall be deposited into the East Mississippi  
166 State Hospital Fund, Department of Mental Health.

167 (4) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights  
168 to the real property sold and conveyed pursuant to this section.

169 (5) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on  
170 July 1, 2006.

171 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
172 may transfer and convey to the City of Brookhaven, Mississippi,  
173 all of the right, title and interest in certain real property  
174 located within the County of Lincoln, described more specifically  
175 as follows:

176 2.63 acres, more or less, situated in Lot 7 of the Price  
177 Estate, City of Brookhaven, said lands are situated in  
178 the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 7  
179 North, Range 7 East, Lincoln County, Mississippi, and  
180 described in particular as follows: Commencing at a  
181 Nail in the center of Hartman Street marking the NE  
182 Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 12 run N  
183 89°16'00"W 30.00 ft. to a Fence Corner on the West side  
184 of said Hartman Street and the Point of Beginning.  
185 Thence S 00°16'45"E 125.22 ft. along said Street to a  
186 1/2 Inch Iron Pin on the North Right-of-Way of the  
187 Mississippi Central Railroad, thence away from said  
188 Street and along said Right-of-Way S 77°53'15"W 618.94  
189 ft. to a concrete Right-of-Way Marker, thence away from  
190 said Railroad Right-of-Way N 00°41'00"W 251.91 ft. to a  
191 concrete Right-of-Way Marker, thence N 89°41'45"E 607.56  
192 ft. to the Point of Beginning.

193 (2) The conveyance authorized in this section may be subject  
194 to additional terms and conditions accepted and agreed upon by the  
195 Mississippi Department of Transportation and the City of  
196 Brookhaven, Mississippi.

197 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
198 may transfer and convey to the City of Woodville, Mississippi, all  
199 of the right, title and interest in certain real property located  
200 within the County of Wilkinson, described more specifically as  
201 follows:

202 From the Southwest Corner of Section 27, Township 2  
203 North, Range 2 West, run thence North 0° 58' 15" East, a  
204 distance of 390.0 feet; thence South 89° 01' 45" East, a  
205 distance of 1100.0 feet; thence South 77° 01' 45" East,  
206 a distance of 359.0 feet to the centerline of U.S.  
207 Highway No. 61 and 65 at Station 436 + 74.27 (F-62-(2));  
208 thence Northerly along the centerline of said highway, a  
209 distance of 1916.07 feet to Station 455 + 90.34 on the  
210 centerline of said highways (F-41-(4)); thence North 13°  
211 29' 45" West, a distance of 501.7 feet; thence South 70°  
212 05' 45" East, a distance of 670.3 feet to the point of  
213 beginning of the parcel of land herein conveyed; thence  
214 North 3° 55' East along a line that is parallel with and  
215 50 feet from the West boundary of that certain parcel of  
216 land conveyed to the Town of Woodville, Mississippi, by  
217 G.E. Miller and wife, Mary R. Miller, by deed recorded  
218 in Wilkinson County Deed Record Book 4-L, page 45, a  
219 distance of 323.0 feet; thence East, a distance of 150.1  
220 feet; thence South 3° 55' West, a distance of 345.9 feet  
221 to a point on the Northerly boundary of Sweeny Town  
222 Lane; thence North 86° 40' West, a distance of 76.6  
223 feet; thence North 75° 41' West, a distance of 74.6 feet  
224 to the point of beginning, containing 1.16 acres, more  
225 or less, and being situated in the East 1/2 of the West  
226 1/2 of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Town  
227 of Woodville, Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

228 (2) The conveyance authorized in this section may be subject  
229 to additional terms and conditions accepted and agreed upon by the  
230 Mississippi Department of Transportation and the City of  
231 Woodville, Mississippi.

232 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
233 may transfer and convey to the County of Lawrence, Mississippi,  
234 all of the right, title and interest in certain real property

235 located within the County of Lawrence, described more specifically  
236 as follows:

237 2.89 Acres, more or less, situated in the East 1/2 of  
238 the NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 7 North, Range 11  
239 East, Lawrence County, Mississippi, and described in  
240 particular as follows: Commencing at a Cotton Picker  
241 Spindle marking the NE Corner of said Section 32 run  
242 WEST 14.43 ft., run SOUTH 589.41 ft. to a 1/2 Inch Iron  
243 Pin on the East R/W of old Highway 27 50 ft. rt. of  
244 Station 1745+80 and the point of beginning. Thence S  
245 00°25'00"E 1375.55 ft. to a R/W Marker, thence S  
246 56°53'30"W 250.03 ft. to a R/W Marker, thence N  
247 10°47'30"E 184.12 ft. to a 1/2 Inch Iron Pin, thence N  
248 79°10'15"W 10.00 ft. to a 1/2 Inch Iron Pin, thence  
249 along a R/W Curve to the left with a Delta Angle of  
250 6°40'43", a Radius of 11509.16 ft., a Length of 1341.55  
251 ft., and a Chord of N 07°29'20"E 1340.79 ft. to the  
252 Point of Beginning.

253 (2) The conveyance authorized in this section may be subject  
254 to additional terms and conditions accepted and agreed upon by the  
255 Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Board of  
256 Supervisors of Lawrence County, Mississippi.

257 **SECTION 6.** Section 37-33-157, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
258 amended as follows:

259 37-33-157. The Department of Rehabilitation Services shall  
260 provide the rehabilitation services authorized by law and by the  
261 rules, regulations and policies of the board to every individual  
262 determined to be eligible therefor, and in carrying out the  
263 purposes of this chapter the department is authorized, when  
264 consistent with the rules, regulations and policies of the State  
265 Board of Rehabilitation Services:

266 (a) To expend funds received either by appropriation or  
267 directly from federal or private sources;



268           (b) To cooperate with other departments, agencies and  
269 institutions, both public and private, in providing the services  
270 authorized by this chapter to disabled individuals, in studying  
271 the problems involved therein, and in establishing, developing and  
272 providing in conformity with the purposes of this chapter, such  
273 programs, facilities and services as may be necessary or  
274 desirable;

275           (c) To enter into reciprocal agreements with other  
276 states to provide for the services authorized by this chapter to  
277 residents of the states concerned;

278           (d) To conduct research and compile statistics relating  
279 to the provision of services to or the need of services by  
280 disabled individuals;

281           (e) To enter into contractual arrangements with the  
282 federal government and with other authorized public agencies or  
283 persons for performance of services related to rehabilitation;

284           (f) To contract with schools, hospitals and other  
285 agencies, and with doctors, optometrists, nurses, technicians and  
286 other persons, for training, physical restoration, transportation  
287 and other rehabilitation services;

288           (g) To take such action as may be necessary to enable  
289 the department to apply for, accept and receive for the state and  
290 its residents the full benefits available under the federal  
291 Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and any amendments thereto, and  
292 under any other federal legislation or program having as its  
293 purpose the providing of, improvement or extension of, vocational  
294 rehabilitation services;

295           (h) To establish an Office on the Deaf and Hard of  
296 Hearing to provide services and activities authorized under  
297 Section 37-33-171;

298           (i) To own in the name of the State of Mississippi  
299 certain real property described in Section 6 of Senate Bill No.  
300 2608, 2005 Regular Session, and to construct, renovate or repair

301 under the supervision of the Department of Finance and  
302 Administration any buildings on such property.

303         **SECTION 7.** (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
304 may assign to the Department of Rehabilitation Services certain  
305 state-owned real property located in the City of Madison, Madison  
306 County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows:

307         Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 4,  
308         Township 7 North, Range 2 East, in the Town of Madison,  
309         Madison County, Mississippi, and thence run S 89°34'00"E  
310         for a distance of 139.20 feet to the West Right-of-Way  
311         (100.00') line of U.S. Highway 51 as it is now laid out  
312         and exists; thence run N23°20'00"E along said West  
313         Right-of-Way for a distance of 2,040.10 feet to a point,  
314         said point being the point of beginning of the herein  
315         described survey; thence continue N23°20'00"E along said  
316         West Right-of-Way for a distance of 974.52 feet to an  
317         iron pin on the North line of Southwest 1/4, Section 4,  
318         T7N, R2E, Madison County, Mississippi; thence run  
319         N89°25'54"W along said North line of the Southwest 1/4  
320         for a distance of 911.22 feet to an iron pin; thence run  
321         N27°40'33"E for a distance of 136.12 feet to an iron  
322         pin; thence run N73°04'35"W for a distance of 244.23  
323         feet to an iron pin on the East Right-of-Way of the  
324         Illinois Central Gulf Railroad as it is now laid out and  
325         exists; thence run S22°56'41"W along said East  
326         right-of-way for a distance of 250.28 feet to an iron  
327         pin; thence run S17°20'50"W for 291.36 feet along a line  
328         that is 15 feet Easterly of and parallel to the  
329         centerline of a spur track; thence run 217.18 feet along  
330         the arc of a 716.44 foot radius curve to the left along  
331         a line which is 15 feet Easterly of and parallel to the  
332         centerline of a spur track, said arc having a 216.35  
333         foot chord which bears South 08°39'47"W; thence run

334 187.55 feet along the arc of a 5,748.63 foot radius  
335 curve to the left along a line which is 15 feet Easterly  
336 of and parallel to the centerline of a spur track, said  
337 arc having 187.54 foot chord which bears S00°57'22"E;  
338 thence S66°40'00"E for a distance of 45.01 feet to an  
339 iron pin; thence turn N82°45'29"E for a distance of  
340 618.60 feet to an iron pin; thence S39°14'41"E for a  
341 distance of 170.0 feet to an iron pin; thence run  
342 S57°32'12"E for a distance of 142.00 feet to an iron  
343 pin; thence run S35°42'29"E for a distance of 46.54 feet  
344 to an iron pin, said iron pin being the point of  
345 beginning containing 19.4 acres more or less. Parcel is  
346 subject to any changes in the right-of-way of U.S. Hwy.  
347 No. 51.

348 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have  
349 the authority to transfer and expend any funds remaining in  
350 Mississippi Treasurer's Fund Numbers 3907 and 3998 for a project  
351 to repair, and to construct an addition to, the Department of  
352 Rehabilitation Services Building located on the property described  
353 in subsection (1) of this section.

354 **SECTION 8.** (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
355 may assign to the Department of Public Safety certain state-owned  
356 real property located in the City of West Point, Clay County,  
357 Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

358 A parcel of land located in the City of West Point,  
359 Clay County, MS; being described as Block 70, part  
360 of Block 6, a part of the undeveloped Cooper Street,  
361 and a part of Block 46, all per the C.L. Wood Map of  
362 said City; being further described as Block 120 and  
363 part of Lot 3 in Block 122 of the 1979 A.L. Goodman  
364 Map of the City of West Point, MS; being more  
365 particularly described as follows:

366 Commencing at an iron pin located at the southeast

367 corner of above said Block 120, said pin lying at  
368 the intersection of the north right-of-way (25  
369 feet from centerline) of Main Street with the west  
370 right-of-way line (30 feet from centerline) of  
371 College Street, and said iron pin being the Point  
372 of Beginning for this description; Run thence North  
373 00 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds West along the  
374 west right-of-way line of College Street 300.00  
375 feet to an iron pin, thence run South 89 degrees  
376 52 minutes 20 seconds West 380.65 feet, thence  
377 run South 46 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds East  
378 433.41 feet to an iron pin lying on the north  
379 right-of-way of Main Street, thence run North 89  
380 degrees 52 minutes 20 seconds East 68.02 feet to  
381 the Point of Beginning; containing 1.54 acres,  
382 more or less.

383 LESS AND EXCEPT and reserved to the Grantor herein  
384 is a 10 foot wide public utility easement along  
385 the entire South side of the above described  
386 parcel, lying adjacent to the right-of-way for  
387 Main Street.

388 (2) A new building and related facilities necessary to house  
389 the Bureau of Narcotics in the Starkville District shall be  
390 constructed on the real property described in subsection (1) of  
391 this section using the proceeds of bonds as provided in Senate  
392 Bill No. 2010, 2004 Third Extraordinary Session.

393 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
394 and after its passage.