

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1132: State Fire Marshal; allow to inspect all sorority and fraternity houses on state property.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-11-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 45-11-101. (1) The State Fire Marshal shall promulgate the
11 Mississippi Fire Prevention Code which shall apply to:

12 (a) All buildings owned by the state or state agencies;

13 (b) All buildings utilized for public assembly, except
14 in any county or municipality which has adopted a fire prevention
15 code with standards not less stringent than the Mississippi Fire
16 Prevention Code; however, the State Fire Marshal or his authorized
17 representative shall perform investigations or inspections of such
18 buildings only when advised by interested persons of a danger or
19 hazardous inflammable condition existing in any building that
20 would tend to impair the safety of persons or property, or when
21 the State Fire Marshal or his authorized representative believes
22 the investigation or inspection is in the interest of public
23 safety. The investigation or inspection shall be made in
24 accordance with Section 45-11-3;

25 (c) All buildings, the permits for the construction of
26 which are issued subsequent to the effective date of Sections
27 45-11-101 through 45-11-111 and which are not less than
28 seventy-five (75) feet in height; provided, however, that in any

29 county or municipality which has adopted a fire prevention code
30 with standards not less stringent than the Mississippi Fire
31 Prevention Code, the provisions and enforcement mechanism thereof
32 shall apply and not the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code;

33 (d) All buildings, the permits for construction of
34 which are issued subsequent to July 1, 2004, constructed as
35 private correctional facilities that house state inmates. Before
36 such construction, construction plans must be submitted for review
37 and approval to the State Fire Marshal's Office to ensure
38 compliance with the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code; however, in
39 any county or municipality that has adopted a fire prevention code
40 with standards not less stringent than the Mississippi Fire
41 Prevention Code, the provisions and enforcement mechanism thereof
42 shall apply instead of the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code. All
43 private correctional facilities may be inspected as required by
44 the State Fire Marshal or his duly authorized representative.
45 Inspection fees and expenses authorized by Section 45-11-105(2)
46 shall be assessed for each inspection conducted by the State Fire
47 Marshal's Office and shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal's
48 Office;

49 (e) Any buildings, the permits for construction of
50 which are issued subsequent to July 1, 2004, upon the request of
51 any interested person. The interested person may submit the
52 construction plans to the State Fire Marshal's Office for review
53 and approval before construction to ensure compliance with the
54 Mississippi Fire Prevention Code; however, in any county or
55 municipality that has adopted a fire prevention code with
56 standards not less stringent than the Mississippi Fire Prevention
57 Code, the provisions and enforcement mechanism thereof shall apply
58 instead of the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code. Inspection fees
59 and expenses authorized by Section 45-11-105(2) shall be assessed

60 for each inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshal's Office
61 and shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal's Office;

62 (f) All buildings, the permits for construction of
63 which are issued subsequent to July 1, 2005, constructed as
64 private fraternity and sorority houses located on state property.
65 Before such construction, construction plans shall be submitted
66 for review and approval to the State Fire Marshal's office to
67 ensure compliance with the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code. All
68 private fraternity and sorority houses located on state property
69 may be inspected as required by the State Fire Marshal or his duly
70 authorized representative. All fraternity and sorority houses
71 located on state property shall be equipped with an approved fire
72 alarm and smoke detector system to be in compliance with the
73 National Fire Code (NFPA) Standard 72 as published by the National
74 Fire Protection Association and as same may be revised or amended.
75 All fraternity and sorority houses constructed on state property
76 after the effective date of House Bill No. 1132, 2005 Regular
77 Session, shall be equipped with an approved automatic fire
78 sprinkler system to be in compliance with the National Fire Code
79 (NFPA) Standard 13 as published by the National Fire Protection
80 Association and as same may be revised or amended.

81 (2) The State Fire Marshal shall annually examine the fire
82 prevention codes adopted by counties and municipalities within the
83 State of Mississippi and prepare a list thereof specifying which
84 codes have provisions not less stringent than those of the
85 Mississippi Fire Prevention Code.

86 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Institutions of Higher
87 Learning shall study the fire safety of private fraternity and
88 sorority houses located on state property. Such study shall
89 include the feasibility of fire sprinkler systems and the
90 evaluation of fire safety procedures. The board shall report its

91 written findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate
92 and House Insurance Committees on or before January 1, 2006.

93 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
94 and after its passage.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE TO INSPECT ALL SORORITY
3 AND FRATERNITY HOUSES LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY; TO REQUIRE THE
4 STATE BOARD OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO STUDY THE FIRE
5 SAFETY OF PRIVATE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSES LOCATED ON STATE
6 PROPERTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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