Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1327

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:

- 12 Section 27-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 13 amended as follows:
- 27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed 14
- as deductions: 15
- (1) Business deductions. 16
- 17 Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary
- 18 expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on
- any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for 19
- 20 salaries or other compensation for personal services actually
- 2.1 rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current
- 22 employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and
- 23 lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or
- 24 business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a
- 25 condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the
- 26 trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken
- 27 or is not taking title or in which he had no equity. Expense
- incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable 28
- 29 income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on
- entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the 30
- 31 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 32 Interest. All interest paid or accrued during the
- taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the 33
- 34 indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks,
- the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of 35
- 36 this article; provided, however, in the case of securities
- 37 dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of

38 which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be

39 deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is

reported as income. Investment interest expense shall be limited 40

41 to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase

of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an 42

43 undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless

an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to 44

45 the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this

paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the

purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness 47

48 incurred for the purpose of directly purchasing tax-free bonds and

does not apply to any other indebtedness incurred in the regular 49

50 course of the taxpayer's business. Any corporation, association,

organization or other entity taxable under Section 27-7-23(c) 51

52 shall allocate interest expense as provided in Section

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Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable Taxes. year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the

provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section are to be claimed

62 thereunder.

Business losses. (b)

Losses sustained during the taxable year not 64 (i) 65 compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or

67 Limitations on losses from passive activities

business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the 68

69 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

70 Bad debts. Losses from debts ascertained to be (e)

the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer;

worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in

- 73 provided, that such losses shall be allowed only when the taxpayer
- 74 has reported as income, on the accrual basis, the amount of such
- debt or account. 75
- 76 (f) **Depreciation.** A reasonable allowance for
- exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or 77
- 78 business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings
- 79 based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if
- 80 acquired prior thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to
- 81 that date.
- Depletion. In the case of mines, oil and gas 82 (g)
- 83 wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance
- for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon 84
- cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or 85
- fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that 86
- 87 date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the
- 88 commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.
- Contributions or gifts. Except as otherwise 89
- 90 provided in subsection (3)(a) of this section for individuals,
- 91 contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable
- 92 year to corporations, organizations, associations or institutions,
- including Community Chest funds, foundations and trusts created 93
- 94 solely and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or
- 95 educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children
- 96 or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the
- 97 benefit of any private stockholder or individual. This deduction
- shall be allowed in an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) 98
- of the net income. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable 99
- 100 as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations
- 101 prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.
- 102 Contributions made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as
- a deduction, subject to the limitations herein provided, in an 103
- 104 amount equal to the actual market value of the contributions at
- 105 the time the contribution is actually made and consummated.
- 106 Reserve funds - insurance companies. (i) In the case
- 107 of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be

108 made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve

109 funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at

110 maturity.

- 111 (j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends,
- 112 paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when
- 113 such income has been included in gross income.
- (k) Contributions to employee pension plans. 114
- 115 Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming
- 116 part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or
- death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for 117
- the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its 118
- employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, 119
- 120 their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable
- year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income 121
- 122 tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other
- 123 provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the
- United States, and the rules, regulations, rulings and 124
- 125 determinations promulgated thereunder, provided that:
- 126 (i) The plan or trust be irrevocable.
- (ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a 127
- pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, 128
- 129 or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of
- 130 the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries,
- 131 for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan
- 132 or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their
- beneficiaries. 133
- (iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan 134
- or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive 135
- 136 benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.
- 137 Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or
- personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to 138
- 139 insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision
- has been made under the laws of the United States of America, 140
- 141 making such contributions deductible from income for federal

- 142 income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent
- 143 under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.
- 144 Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers.
- 145 net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31,
- 1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss 146
- 147 carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the
- taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any 148
- 149 taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3)
- 150 taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there
- shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen 151
- 152 (15) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss
- beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991. 153
- 154 For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the
- 155 period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss
- 156 carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal
- 157 Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and
- determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable 158
- year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier. 159
- 160 A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after
- December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net 161
- 162 operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years
- 163 preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss
- 164 for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2)
- 165 taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there
- 166 shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20)
- 167 taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning
- 168 with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.
- 169 The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this
- 170 paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the
- 171 gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall
- not be allowed in computing same: 172
- 173 (i) No net operating loss deduction shall be
- 174 allowed.
- 175 (ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be
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177 (iii) Allowable deductions which are not

178 attributable to taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only

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Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the State Tax Commission and shall be made by the due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating loss for which the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

- (m) Amortization of pollution or environmental control facilities. Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or environmental control facilities to the same extent as that allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder.
- Dividend distributions real estate investment 196 197 "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to trusts. 198 as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 199 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A 200 REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend 201 distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal 202 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition: 203
- (i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.
- (ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder

- 211 or related party would have received the dividend distributed
- 212 deduction under this chapter.
- 213 (iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend
- 214 from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section
- 215 27-7-15(4)(t).
- 216 (iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed
- 217 deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 218 amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction
- 219 under this chapter.
- 220 The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and
- 221 regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the
- 222 federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to
- prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax. 223
- 224 (o) Contributions to college savings trust fund
- 225 accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable
- 226 College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under
- Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid tuition 227
- 228 contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable
- 229 College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section
- 37-155-17. 230
- 231 (2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible
- 232 expenses and interest expenses with a related member.
- 233 (a) As used in this subsection (2):
- 234 "Intangible expenses and costs" include:
- 235 Expenses, losses and costs for, related
- to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or 236
- 237 indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership,
- sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to 238
- 239 the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in
- 240 determining taxable income under this chapter;
- Expenses or losses related to or incurred 241
- 242 in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions
- 243 or discounting transactions;
- 244 3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright
- 245 fees;

246	4. Licensing fees; and
247	5. Other similar expenses and costs.
248	(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent
249	applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights
250	and similar types of intangible assets.
251	(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts
252	directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of
253	determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such
254	interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for,
255	related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect
256	acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or
257	disposition of intangible property.
258	(iv) "Related member" means an entity or person
259	that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of
260	the taxable year, is a related entity, a component member as
261	defined in the Internal Revenue Code, or is an entity or a person
262	to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in
263	accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.
264	<pre>(v) "Related entity" means:</pre>
265	1. A stockholder who is an individual or a
266	member of the stockholder's family, as defined in regulations
267	prescribed by the commissioner, if the stockholder and the members
268	of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly,
269	beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty
270	percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;
271	2. A stockholder, or a stockholder's
272	partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or
273	corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's
274	partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and
275	corporations own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or
276	constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of
277	the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;
278	3. A corporation, or a party related to the
279	corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock

from the corporation to the party or from the party to the

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281 corporation, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly,

282 beneficially or constructively, at least fifty percent (50%) of

283 the value of the corporation's outstanding stock under regulation

284 prescribed by the commissioner;

- 4. Any entity or person which would be a related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered
- 287 a corporation for purposes of this section.
- 288 (b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back 289 otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible
- 290 expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued to or
- 291 incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more
- 292 direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.
- 293 (c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall
- 294 not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and
- 295 intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish
- 296 meets one (1) of the following:
- 297 (i) The related member directly or indirectly
- 298 paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same
- 299 income year who is not a related member; or
- 300 (ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest
- 301 expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the
- 302 taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid
- 303 business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the
- 304 related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use,
- 305 maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other
- 306 disposition of intangible property.
- 307 (d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer
- 308 to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest
- 309 expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs that the
- 310 taxpayer pays, accrues or incurs to a related member.
- 311 (e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as
- 312 necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
- 313 subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions
- 314 of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount
- 315 transactions.

Individual nonbusiness deductions. 316 (3) 317 The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the 318 319 individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize 320 deductions on his federal return except the following: 321 (i) The deduction for state income taxes paid or other taxes allowed for federal purposes in lieu of state income 322 323 taxes paid; 324 (ii) The deduction for gaming losses from gaming 325 establishments; (iii) The deduction for taxes collected by 326 327 licensed gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-901; (iv) The deduction for taxes collected by gaming 328 329 establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-903. In lieu of the individual nonbusiness itemized 330 (b) 331 deductions authorized in paragraph (a), for all purposes other than ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the 332 333 taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, an optional 334 standard deduction of: Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars 335 (i) (\$3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred 336 Dollars (\$4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand 337 338 Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter 339 in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined 340 return; 341 (ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars 342 (\$1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred 343 Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for each calendar year 344 345 thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate 346 returns; Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars 347 (iii) (\$3,400.00) in the case of a head of family; or 348 349 (iv) Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars

(\$2,300.00) in the case of an individual who is not married.

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In the case of a husband and wife living together, having
separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard
deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In
the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard
deduction shall not be allowed to either if the taxable income of
one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard

- 358 (c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same
 359 individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident
 360 individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however,
 361 the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of
 362 the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from
 363 sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or
 364 entire net income from all sources.
- 365 (4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be 366 deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.
- 367 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-7-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 368 amended as follows: 369 27-7-71. (1) A taxpayer who feels aggrieved at any action 370 of the commissioner under Section 27-7-49, 27-7-51 or 27-7-53 may appeal to the board of review, as legally constituted and 371 authorized by Section 27-7-79, for a hearing in the matter within 372 373 thirty (30) days from the date of said action. The board of 374 review shall grant a hearing thereon at the earliest practical 375 At said hearing, the board of review shall try the issues date. presented, according to law and the facts, and shall within thirty 376 (30) days from the date of the hearing make a determination * * * 377 and notify the taxpayer of its findings. Any overpayment of tax 378 determined by the approved order of the board of review shall be 379 credited, or refunded, to the taxpayer. Any tax deficiency, 380 including any penalty and interest, determined by the approved 381 382 order of the board of review shall be paid by the taxpayer within thirty (30) days from the date of notification to the taxpayer, 383

and, if the deficiency is not paid within the thirty-day period,

the commissioner shall proceed to collect the deficiency under the

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386 provisions of Sections 27-7-55 through 27-7-67 * * *; provided,

387 that within the thirty-day period the taxpayer may appeal to the

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(2) A taxpayer who feels aggrieved at any decision by the board of review, may appeal to the State Tax Commission by petition, in writing, within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision, for a hearing upon the action or decision of the board of review. In the petition the taxpayer shall set forth the reasons such hearing should be granted. The State Tax Commission shall promptly consider the petition, grant the hearing, and notify the petitioner of the time and place fixed for the hearing. In any hearing before the State Tax Commission, two (2) members constitute a quorum. At the hearing, the State Tax Commission shall try the issues presented, according to the law and the facts, and shall, as soon as practical thereafter, notify the taxpayer of its determination. Any overpayment of tax which the State Tax Commission may determine to have been paid shall be credited or refunded to the taxpayer. Any tax deficiency, including any penalty and interest, determined by the State Tax

408 within said thirty-day period, the State Tax Commission shall

409 proceed to collect $\underline{\text{the deficiency}}$ under the provisions of Sections

Commission shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of

notification of the taxpayer, and if the deficiency is not paid

410 27-7-55 through 27-7-67; provided that within said thirty-day

411 period the taxpayer may appeal from the decision of the State Tax

412 Commission as hereinafter set out.

413 **SECTION 3.** Section 27-13-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 414 amended as follows:

27-13-43. (1) A taxpayer who feels aggrieved at any action of the commissioner under Section 27-13-23 or 27-13-25, may appeal to the board of review, as legally constituted and authorized by Section 27-13-65, for a hearing in the matter within thirty (30) days from the date of the action. The board of review shall grant a hearing thereon at the earliest practical date. At the hearing,

421 the board of review shall try the issues presented, according to 422 law and the facts, and shall within thirty (30) days from the date 423 of said hearing make a determination * * * and notify the taxpayer 424 of its findings. Any overpayment of tax determined by the * * * 425 order of the board of review shall be credited, or refunded, to 426 the taxpayer. Any tax deficiency, including any penalty and 427 interest, determined by the approved order of the board of review 428 shall be paid by the taxpayer within thirty (30) days from the 429 date of notification to the taxpayer and if the deficiency is not paid within the thirty-day period, the commissioner shall proceed 430 431 to collect the deficiency under the provisions of Sections 27-13-29 through 27-13-41 * * *; provided, that within the 432 433 thirty-day period the taxpayer may appeal to the State Tax 434 Commission from the decision of the board of review, as 435 hereinafter set out. 436 (2) A taxpayer who feels aggrieved at any decision by the board of review, may appeal to the State Tax Commission by 437 438 petition, in writing, within thirty (30) days from the date of the 439

decision, for a hearing upon the action or decision of the board of review. In the petition the taxpayer shall set forth the reasons such hearing should be granted. The State Tax Commission shall promptly consider the petition, grant the hearing, and notify the petitioner of the time and place fixed for the hearing. In any hearing before the State Tax Commission, two (2) members constitute a quorum. At the hearing, the State Tax Commission shall try the issues presented, according to the law and the facts, and shall, as soon as practical thereafter, notify the taxpayer of its determination. Any overpayment of tax which the State Tax Commission may determine to have been paid shall be credited or refunded to the taxpayer. Any tax deficiency, including any penalty and interest, determined by the State Tax Commission shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of notification of the taxpayer, and if the deficiency is not paid within the thirty-day period, the State Tax Commission shall proceed to collect the deficiency under the provisions of Sections

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- 27-13-29 through 27-13-41, provided that within said thirty-day 456
- 457 period the taxpayer may appeal from the decision of the State Tax
- 458 Commission as hereinafter set out.
- SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be in 459
- 460 force from and after January 1, 2005; the remainder of this act
- 461 shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2005.

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

- 1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ITEMIZED DEDUCTION ON THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX
- 3 RETURN FOR OTHER TAXES ALLOWED FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES IN LIEU OF
- INCOME TAXES PAID MAY NOT BE UTILIZED AS AN INDIVIDUAL NONBUSINESS
- 5 DEDUCTION FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-71
- AND 27-13-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION MUST APPROVE 6
- DETERMINATIONS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION
- 9 IN APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN REGARDING INCOME AND
- FRANCHISE TAXES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 10

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