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Senate Bill No. 2002

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

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Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
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    amended as follows:
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         43-13-407. (1)
                           In accordance with the purposes of this
    article, there is established in the State Treasury the Health
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    Care Expendable Fund, into which shall be transferred from the
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    Health Care Trust Fund the following sums:
                    In fiscal year 2005, Two Hundred Sixteen Million
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    Dollars ($216,000,000.00);
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                    In fiscal year 2006, One Hundred Eighty-six Million
    Dollars ($186,000,000.00);
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                   In fiscal year 2007, One Hundred Forty-six Million
    Dollars ($146,000,000.00);
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                   In fiscal year 2008, One Hundred Six Million
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    Dollars ($106,000,000.00);
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                    In fiscal year 2009, Sixty-six Million Dollars
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    ($66,000,000.00);
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- 38 (f) In fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year
- 39 thereafter, a sum equal to the average annual amount of the
- 40 dividends, interest and other income, including increases in value
- 41 of the principal, earned on the funds in the Health Care Trust
- 42 Fund during the preceding four (4) fiscal years.
- 43 (2) In any fiscal year in which interest, dividends and
- 44 other income from the investment of the funds in the Health Care
- 45 Trust Fund are not sufficient to fund the full amount of the
- 46 annual transfer into the Health Care Expendable Fund as required
- 47 in subsection (1)(f) of this section, the State Treasurer shall
- 48 transfer from tobacco settlement installment payments an amount
- 49 that is sufficient to fully fund the amount of the annual
- 50 transfer.
- 51 (3) (a) On March 6, 2002, the State Treasurer shall
- transfer the sum of Eighty-seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000.00)
- 53 from the Health Care Trust Fund into the Health Care Expendable
- 54 Fund. In addition, at the time the State of Mississippi receives
- 55 the tobacco settlement installment payments for each of the
- 56 calendar years 2002 and 2003, the State Treasurer shall deposit
- 57 the full amount of each of those installment payments into the
- 58 Health Care Expendable Fund.
- (b) If during any fiscal year after March 6, 2002, the
- 60 general fund revenues received by the state exceed the general
- fund revenues received during the previous fiscal year by more
- 62 than five percent (5%), the Legislature shall repay to the Health
- 63 Care Trust Fund one-third (1/3) of the amount of the general fund
- 64 revenues that exceed the five percent (5%) growth in general fund
- 65 revenues. The repayment required by this paragraph shall continue
- in each fiscal year in which there is more than five percent (5%)
- 67 growth in general fund revenues, until the full amount of the
- 68 funds that were transferred and deposited into the Health Care

- 69 Expendable Fund under the provisions of paragraph (a) of this
- 70 subsection have been repaid to the Health Care Trust Fund.
- 71 (4) All income from the investment of the funds in the
- 72 Health Care Expendable Fund shall be credited to the account of
- 73 the Health Care Expendable Fund. Any funds in the Health Care
- 74 Expendable Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into
- 75 the State General Fund.
- 76 (5) The funds in the Health Care Expendable Fund shall be
- 77 available for expenditure under specific appropriation by the
- 78 Legislature beginning in fiscal year 2000, and shall be expended
- 79 exclusively for health care purposes.
- 80 (6) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
- 81 contrary, the first Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of any
- 82 tobacco settlement installment payments deposited into the Health
- 83 Care Trust Fund during fiscal years 2006 through 2025 shall be
- 84 distributed to the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority
- 85 established in Section 4, Senate Bill No. 2002, 2005 First
- 86 Extraordinary Session.
- 87 (7) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section may not
- 88 be changed in any manner except upon amendment to that subsection
- 89 by a bill enacted by the Legislature with a vote of not less than
- 90 three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and
- 91 voting.
- 92 (8) Subsections (1), (2), (4) and (5) of this section shall
- 93 stand repealed on July 1, 2009.
- 94 **SECTION 2.** The Legislature has considered the financing
- 95 techniques employed and to be employed by other jurisdictions to
- 96 convert future tobacco settlement payments receivable into current
- 97 assets and thereby to reduce exposure to payment risks, and
- 98 declares it to be prudent and in the best interest of the State of
- 99 Mississippi to employ those financing techniques.
- 100 **SECTION 3.** As used in Sections 2 through 11 of this act:

- 101 (a) "Authority" means the Tobacco Settlement Revenue 102 Management Authority established in Section 4 of this act.
- 103 (b) "Board" means the governing board of the Tobacco

 104 Settlement Revenue Management Authority established in Section 4

 105 of this act.
- 106 (c) "Bonds" means special source bonds, notes, or other
 107 evidences of indebtedness of the authority payable solely from and
 108 secured solely by the state's tobacco receipts, issued under the
 109 authorizations contained in Sections 2 through 11 of this act.
- (d) "Health Care Trust Fund" means the trust fund
 established by Section 43-13-405 for the deposit of the funds
 received by the State of Mississippi as a result of the tobacco
 settlement, including income from the investment of those funds.
- (e) "Health Care Expendable Fund" means the fund

 115 established by Section 43-13-407 for the annual transfer of

 116 certain funds from the Health Care Trust Fund that are available

 117 for appropriation by the Legislature.
- (f) "Tobacco settlement" means the settlement of the

 case of Mike Moore, Attorney General ex rel. State of Mississippi

 v. The American Tobacco Company et al. (Chancery Court of Jackson

 County, Mississippi, Cause No. 94-1429) and the settlement of any

 case brought against tobacco companies by another state.
- SECTION 4. (1) (a) There is created the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority, a public body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of this state, with the responsibility of effecting the public purpose of Sections 2 through 11 of this act.
- (b) The purpose of the authority is to receive the

 portion of the state's tobacco receipts designated for

 distribution to it by Section 43-13-405, to issue bonds of the

 authority payable solely from and secured solely by the state's

 tobacco receipts or any tobacco receipts reserve fund created from

 it for the purposes authorized in Sections 2 through 11 of this

- act, and to manage and dispose of the tobacco receipts distributed 133
- 134 to it for the purposes and in the manner authorized in Sections 2
- 135 through 11 of this act.
- 136 (c) Upon termination of the existence of the authority,
- 137 title to all property, real and personal, owned by it, including
- 138 net earnings, vests in the state.
- 139 The authority shall be governed by a board of directors
- composed of the members of the Board of Directors of the Health 140
- 141 Care Trust Fund and the Health Care Expendable Fund created in
- Section 43-13-409. 142
- 143 (3) (a) Nonlegislative members of the board of directors
- 144 shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for each
- 145 day's official duties of the board at the same per diem as
- 146 established by Section 25-3-69, and actual travel and lodging
- 147 expenses as established by Section 25-3-41. Legislative members
- 148 of the board of directors shall receive the same per diem and
- 149 expense reimbursement as for attending committee meetings when the
- 150 Legislature is not in regular session.
- 151 The State Treasurer shall be the chairman of the
- 152 board of directors. The board of directors shall annually elect
- one (1) member to serve as vice chairman of the board. 153
- 154 chairman shall act as chairman in the absence of or upon the
- 155 disability of the chairman or if there is a vacancy in the office
- of chairman. 156
- 157 All expenses of the board of directors in carrying
- out its duties and responsibilities under Sections 2 through 11 of 158
- 159 this act shall be paid from funds appropriated to the State
- Treasurer's office for that purpose. 160
- 161 To the extent that administrative assistance is
- 162 needed for the functions and operations of the authority, the
- 163 board may obtain this assistance from the Office of the State
- 164 Treasurer, which must provide assistance requested by the board at

- no cost to the board or to the authority other than for expenses incurred and paid to entities that are not agencies or departments of the state. The board must retain ultimate responsibility and provide proper oversight for the implementation of Sections 2 through 11 of this act.
- (e) The board shall exercise the powers of the
 authority. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a
 quorum for the purpose of conducting all business. The board
 shall determine the number of personnel it requires, their
 compensation and duties.
 - SECTION 5. The portions of the state's tobacco settlement payments designated for distribution to the authority, and the right to the payments as they are distributed from escrow are assigned to the authority. On or after the date these revenues are pledged, the state shall have no right, title or interest in or to that portion of the state's tobacco receipts designated for distribution to the authority; and those tobacco receipts are property of the authority and not of the state, and must be owned, received, held and disbursed by the authority or the trustee for the holders of bonds and not by the state. The state directs the independent auditor and the escrow agent to make all these payments to the authority in accordance with instructions that may be given by the authority from time to time. The assignment and direction made in this section are irrevocable during any time when bonds are outstanding under Sections 2 through 11 of this act plus one (1) year and one (1) day thereafter and are a part of the contractual obligation owed to the bond holders. On or before the date of delivery of any bonds, the state through the State Treasurer shall notify the independent auditor and the escrow agent that a portion of the state's tobacco receipts have been assigned to the authority pursuant to Section 43-13-405 and shall instruct the independent auditor and the escrow agent that, after

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- 197 the delivery date for bonds and irrevocably during the time when
- 198 any bonds are outstanding, that portion of the state's tobacco
- 199 receipts are to be paid directly to the authority, or its
- 200 designee.
- 201 **SECTION 6.** (1) In addition to the powers contained
- 202 elsewhere in Sections 2 through 11 of this act, the board has all
- 203 power necessary, useful or appropriate to operate and administer
- 204 the authority, to effectuate the purposes of the authority, and to
- 205 perform its other functions, including, but not limited to, the
- 206 power to:
- 207 (a) Have perpetual succession;
- 208 (b) Sue and be sued in its own name;
- 209 (c) Adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal bylaws, not
- 210 inconsistent with provisions in Sections 2 through 11 of this act
- 211 for the administration of the authority's affairs and the
- 212 implementation of its functions;
- 213 (d) Have a seal and alter it at its pleasure, although
- 214 the failure to affix the seal does not affect the validity of an
- 215 instrument executed on behalf of the authority;
- 216 (e) Enter into contracts, arrangements and agreements
- 217 with government units and other persons and execute and deliver
- 218 all financing agreements, including bonds issued to support the
- 219 borrowing by those government units to pay eligible costs of
- 220 qualified projects, and other instruments necessary or convenient
- 221 to the exercise of the powers granted in Sections 2 through 11 of
- 222 this act;
- (f) Enter into agreements with a department, agency,
- 224 political subdivision or instrumentality of the United States or
- 225 of this state or of another state for the purpose of planning and
- 226 providing for the financing of qualified projects or for the
- 227 administration of the purposes and programs of Sections 2 through
- 228 11 of this act;

- 229 (g) Enter into agreements for the purpose of managing and controlling the transfer of funds between the authority and 230 231 the Health Care Trust Fund and governing the investment and the 232 monitoring and record keeping of these funds, for purposes of
- 233 maintaining the exemption from federal income tax of interest on
- 234 bonds and for other purposes;
- 235 Enter into, amend and terminate agreements in the 236 nature of interest rate swaps, forward security supply contracts, 237 agreements for the management of interest rate risks, agreements for the management of cash flow, and other agreements of a similar 238 239 nature, with respect to bonds issued pursuant to Sections 2
- 240 through 11 of this act;

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- 241 (i) Procure insurance, guarantees, letters of credit and other forms of collateral or security or credit support from 242 243 any public or private entity, including any department, agency or 244 instrumentality of the United States or this state, for the payment of any bonds, including the power to pay premiums or fees 245 246 on any insurance, guarantees, letters of credit and other forms of 247 collateral or security or credit support;
 - Borrow money through the issuance of bonds as (j) provided in Sections 2 through 11 of this act, and through the issuance of notes in anticipation of the issuance of these bonds; however, no bonds shall be issued by the authority unless the issuance of the bonds are approved by the State Bond Commission;
 - Enter into contracts and expend funds to obtain accounting, management, legal, financial consulting, trusteeship and other professional services necessary or convenient to the operations of the authority; however, all matters relating to the designation and selection of bond counsel to the authority is within the discretion of the State Treasurer;
- 259 (1)In order to pay for budgeted items, to expend funds 260 for the costs of administering the operations of the authority;

- 261 (m) Direct the escrow agent with respect to the
 262 disbursement to the authority of the state's tobacco receipts and
 263 receive and accept the state's tobacco receipts;
- (n) Enter into contracts or agreements necessary,
 proper or convenient for the effectuation of the powers and
 purposes of the board and the authority;
- 267 (o) Invest the funds held by the authority under
 268 Sections 2 through 11 of this act in any investment permitted for
 269 funds of this state, other than the state's retirement funds, or
 270 for funds of the political subdivisions of this state, in revenue
 271 bonds of government units, and in general obligations of other
 272 states whose general obligation debt is rated not lower than the
 273 general obligation debt of this state;
- (p) Do all other things necessary or convenient to
 exercise powers granted or reasonably implied by Sections 2
 through 11 of this act or that may be necessary for the
 furtherance and accomplishments of the purposes of the authority.
 - (2) Before the date that is one (1) year and one (1) day after which the authority no longer has any bonds outstanding, the authority has no authority to file a voluntary petition under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or corresponding chapters or sections as may, from time to time, be in effect, and neither any public officer or any organization, entity or other person shall authorize the authority to be or become a debtor under Chapter 9 or any successor or corresponding chapter or sections during the periods. The provisions of this subsection are for the benefit of the holders of any bonds and are a part of the contractual obligation owed to the bondholders, and the state shall not modify or delete the provisions of this section during the periods described in Sections 2 through 11 of this act.
- 291 (3) In the exercise of its powers in Sections 2 through 11 292 of this act, the board and the authority may obtain services in

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- 293 accordance with the procedures, guidelines and criteria
- 294 established by the board for that purpose.
- 295 **SECTION 7.** (1) The board may issue bonds in the name of the
- 296 authority, from time to time, for the purposes and in the manner
- 297 stated in this section.
- 298 (2) All bonds must be secured solely by and payable solely
- 299 from the portion of the state's tobacco receipts designated for
- 300 distribution to the authority, or any portion of those receipts
- 301 the board determines to pledge for payment.
- 302 (3) Neither the members of the board nor any person
- 303 executing the bonds or any notes are liable personally on the
- 304 bonds or notes or be subject to any personal liability or
- 305 accountability by reason of the issuance of the bonds.
- 306 (4) The board has no power to pledge the faith, credit or
- 307 taxing power of this state or any of its political subdivisions in
- 308 connection with the issuance of the bonds, and each bond must
- 309 recite on its face that it is a special source bond of the
- 310 authority issued under and in accordance with Sections 2 through
- 311 11 of this act, that it is secured solely by and payable solely
- 312 from the state's tobacco receipts, that it is neither a general,
- 313 legal nor moral obligation of the state or any of its political
- 314 subdivisions, and that it is not backed by the full faith, credit
- 315 or taxing power of this state of any of its political
- 316 subdivisions. Failure to include this language on the face of any
- 317 bond does not cause the bond to become a general, legal or moral
- 318 obligation of the state or any of its political subdivisions, or a
- 319 pledge of the full faith, credit or taxing power of this state or
- 320 any of its political subdivisions.
- 321 (5) Any pledge of state tobacco receipts made by the
- 322 authority is valid and binding from the time when the pledge is
- 323 made. The state tobacco receipts pledged and then or thereafter
- 324 received by the authority are immediately subject to the lien of

- the pledge without any physical delivery of the receipt or further act. The lien of the pledge is valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the authority, irrespective of whether the parties have notice of them. Neither the resolution of the authority or any other instrument by which a pledge is created need be recorded or filed to perfect the pledge.
- 332 (6) The authority may not issue any bond with a scheduled 333 maturity later than twenty (20) years after the date of issuance.
- 334 When issuing bonds for the purpose described in this 335 section or to refund the bonds, the authority may sell bonds 336 either in a negotiated transaction with one or more lead 337 underwriters selected by the board on the basis of criteria to be 338 established by the board, or through a competitive bidding process 339 in accordance with procedures to be established by the board. The 340 determination of whether to sell bonds through negotiation or 341 through competitive bidding must be made by the board.
 - has first adopted its resolution authorizing the issuance, finding that the issuance and the proposed use of the bond proceeds is in accordance with Sections 2 through 11 of this act, and setting out the terms and conditions of the bonds and the covenants of the authority with respect to the bonds. These terms must include the issuance date or dates, the maturity date or dates, the principal amount, the interest rates or the means of determining the same, whether fixed or variable, the time, manner and currency for paying interest and principal, the negotiability of the bonds and any restrictions relating to the registration of the bonds; and the covenants may include, without limitation, the establishment and maintenance of dedicated reserve funds for the payment of debt service on bonds if the state's tobacco receipts are inadequate in any year, restrictions on the later issuance of additional bonds

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- or making the later issuance subject to certain conditions 357 358 relating to available debt service coverage or otherwise, conditions on the timing of the release of all or a portion of the 359 360 state's tobacco receipts to the General Fund of this state, the 361 enforcement of the master settlement agreement, or any other 362 matter that the board considers appropriate, subject to this 363
- 364 The board may not authorize or cause the authority to (9) 365 enter into any covenant that purports to create a general, legal or moral obligation of this state or any of its political 366 367 subdivisions or to pledge the full faith, credit or taxing power 368 of the state or any of its political subdivisions; nor may the 369 board authorize or cause the authority to enter into any covenants 370 that purport to create a right on the part of the board, the 371 authority, any bondholder, or any trustee any right to recover 372 funds consisting of the state's tobacco receipts once those funds 373 have been deposited into the General Fund of the state in 374 accordance with the terms of Sections 2 through 11 of this act. Any covenant in violation of this subsection is void and of no 375 376 effect.
- 377 (10) Subject to the requirements of this section, the board 378 may authorize the issuance of bonds of the authority for the 379 following purposes:
- (a) Refunding on a current or advance-refunding basis, 380 381 any outstanding bonds of the authority; or
- 382 (b) Obtaining funds for delivery to the Health Care 383 Expendable Fund. All proceeds of bonds issued for the purpose 384 described in this section must be delivered promptly to the Health 385 Care Expendable Fund, except as needed to defray the costs of 386 issuance of the bonds or to establish any required reserve fund 387 for the bonds.

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- 388 (11) The authority and the board shall have no other assets 389 or property except the tobacco receipts as distributed to it, and 390 the right to receive the state's tobacco receipts.
- 391 (12) The authority and the board have no power to incur debt 392 or obligations or in any way to encumber their assets except by 393 the issuance of bonds, including the making of covenants in 394 relation to the issuing of bonds and notes in anticipation of the 395 issuance of the bonds, and the incurring of expenses and

obligations as authorized in Sections 2 through 11 of this act.

- (12) All accounts of the authority must be held and 397 398 maintained separately from all other funds, properties, assets and 399 accounts of this state and its other agencies. The board shall 400 keep an accurate account of all of its activities and all of its 401 receipts and expenditures and annually, in the month of January, 402 shall make a report of its activities to the Legislature, the 403 report to be in a form prescribed by the State Auditor. Audited 404 financial statements must be submitted to the State Auditor by
- section 8. (1) The bonds and the income from the bonds are
 exempt from all taxation in the state except for inheritance,
 estate or transfer taxes, regardless of the federal income tax
 treatment of the interest from the bonds.

October 15 following the end of the fiscal year.

- (2) The exercise of the powers granted by Sections 2 through
 11 of this act are in all respects for the benefit of the citizens
 12 of this state and for the promotion of their welfare, convenience
 13 and prosperity. Property, whether real or personal, tangible or
 14 intangible, of the authority and the income and operations of the
 15 authority are exempt from taxation or assessment by the state or
 16 any of its political subdivisions.
- 417 (3) It is lawful for executors, administrators, guardians, 418 committees and other fiduciaries to invest any monies in their 419 hands in bonds. Nothing contained in Sections 2 through 11 of

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- this act may be construed as relieving any person from the duty of exercising reasonable care in selecting investments.
- 422 **SECTION 9.** All of the state's tobacco settlement payments
- 423 distributed to the authority not needed to pay (a) expenses of the
- 424 authority during the next twelve (12) months, or (b) debt service
- 425 on bonds during the next twelve (12) months, or fully to fund
- 426 reserve accounts established by the board with respect to bonds,
- 427 not less frequently than annually and at a time determined by the
- 428 board in its resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds, shall
- 429 be transferred to the Health Care Expendable Fund. The
- 430 determination by the board of the amount to be transferred is
- 431 final and is not reviewable by any court or other body.
- 432 **SECTION 10.** (1) At any time when bonds are outstanding and
- 433 for one (1) year and one (1) day thereafter, the state must not
- 434 agree to the amendment of the master settlement agreement without
- 435 the approval of the authority; and this restriction or amendment
- 436 of the master settlement agreement is a part of the covenant with
- 437 the bondholders.
- 438 (2) The state pledges and agrees with the authority, and the
- 439 holders of the bonds in which the authority has included that
- 440 pledge and agreement, that the state shall not limit or alter the
- 441 rights of the authority to fulfill the terms of its agreements
- 442 with those bondholders, and shall not in any way impair the rights
- 443 and remedies of the bondholders or the security for the bonds
- 444 until the bonds, together with the interest on them and all costs
- 445 and expenses in conjunction with any action or proceeding by or on
- 446 behalf of the bondholders, are fully paid and discharged.
- 447 **SECTION 11.** Sections 2 through 11 of this act and all powers
- 448 granted by Sections 2 through 11 of this act must be liberally
- 449 construed to effectuate its intent and their purposes, without
- 450 implied limitations on them. Sections 2 through 11 of this act
- 451 constitutes full and complete authority for all things

contemplated to be done in Sections 2 through 11 of this act. All 452 453 rights and powers granted in Sections 2 through 11 of this act 454 shall be cumulative with those derived from other sources and 455 shall not, except as expressly stated in Sections 2 through 11 of 456 this act, be construed in limitation thereof. Insofar as the 457 provisions of Sections 2 through 11 of this act are inconsistent 458 with the provisions of any other act, general or special, the provisions of Sections 2 through 11 of this act are controlling. 459 460 If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of Sections 2 461 through 11 of this act is adjudged by any court of competent 462 jurisdiction to be invalid, this judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of Sections 2 through 11 of this act 463 464 but is confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of Sections 2 through 11 of this act 465 directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment has 466 467 been rendered.

and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and

inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-407, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 1 2 TO REQUIRE A PORTION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS 3 DEPOSITED INTO THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND DURING FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2025 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE 4 5 MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY; TO CREATE A TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, WHICH SHALL BE A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE STATE'S FUTURE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT б 7 8 PAYMENTS AND ISSUE BONDS OF THE AUTHORITY PAYABLE FROM AND SECURED SOLELY BY THE SUCH PORTION OF THE STATE'S TOBACCO RECEIPTS; TO 9 10 PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS TO THE 11 HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF DIRECTORS 12 FOR THE AUTHORITY, WHICH SHALL BE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND AND THE HEALTH CARE 13 EXPENDABLE FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PORTION OF 14 15 FUTURE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE BOARD; TO 16 17 PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO 18 19 PROVIDE FOR THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF INTEREST FROM THE BONDS; AND 20 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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