

By: Representative Smith (27th)

To: Gaming; Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 529

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 75-76-177 AND 75-76-129, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR A FLAT RATE OF EIGHT PERCENT ON FEES
3 CHARGED ON THE GROSS REVENUE OF GAMING LICENSEES; TO IMPOSE AN
4 ADDITIONAL FEE OF THREE PERCENT ON THE GROSS REVENUES OF GAMING
5 LICENSEES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AVAILS OF THE ADDITIONAL LICENSE
6 FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY
7 AND DISTRIBUTED TO NONGAMING COUNTIES FOR EXPENDITURE FOR
8 CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES, FOR LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES FOR WHICH COUNTY
10 GENERAL FUNDS LAWFULLY MAY BE EXPENDED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-76-177, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

14 75-76-177. (1) (a) From and after July 1, 2006, there is
15 hereby imposed and levied monthly on each gaming licensee a
16 license fee of eight percent (8%) of all the gross revenue of the
17 licensee.

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19 (b) From and after July 1, 2006, there is imposed and
20 levied monthly on each gaming licensee an additional license fee
21 of three percent (3%) of all the gross revenue of the licensee.

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23 (2) All revenue received from any game or gaming device
24 which is leased for operation on the premises of the
25 licensee-owner to a person other than the owner thereof or which
26 is located in an area or space on such premises which is leased by
27 the licensee-owner to any such person, must be attributed to the
28 owner for the purposes of this section and be counted as part of
29 the gross revenue of the owner. The lessee is liable to the owner
30 for his proportionate share of such license fees.

31 (3) If the amount of license fees required to be reported
32 and paid pursuant to this section is later determined to be
33 greater or less than the amount actually reported and paid by the
34 licensee, the Chairman of the State Tax Commission shall:

35 (a) Assess and collect the additional license fees
36 determined to be due, with interest thereon until paid; or

37 (b) Refund any overpayment, with interest thereon, to
38 the licensee.

39 Interest must be computed, until paid, at the rate of one
40 percent (1%) per month from the first day of the first month
41 following either the due date of the additional license fees or
42 the date of overpayment.

43 (4) Failure to pay the fees provided for in this section
44 when they are due for continuation of a license shall be deemed a
45 surrender of the license.

46 **SECTION 2.** Section 75-76-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
47 amended as follows:

48 **[Through June 30, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]**

49 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month all
50 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
51 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
52 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of (a) the local
53 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, * * * (b) an
54 amount equal to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of the
55 revenue collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
56 75-76-177(1)(a), and (c) the avails of the fee imposed under
57 Section 75-76-177(1)(b), shall be paid by the State Tax Commission
58 to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the State General Fund.
59 The local government fees shall be distributed by the State Tax
60 Commission pursuant to Section 75-76-197. An amount equal to
61 Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of the revenue collected
62 during that month pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
63 75-76-177(1)(a) shall be deposited by the State Tax Commission

64 into the bond sinking fund created in Section 65-39-3. The avails
65 of the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(b) shall be
66 deposited by the State Tax Commission into the special fund
67 created in Section 3 of House Bill No. , 2006 Regular Session.

68 **[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as**
69 **follows:]**

70 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month, all
71 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
72 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
73 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of (a) the local
74 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, and (b) the
75 avails of the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(b), shall be
76 paid by the State Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be
77 deposited in the State General Fund. The local government fees
78 shall be distributed by the State Tax Commission pursuant to
79 Section 75-76-197. The avails of the fee imposed under Section
80 75-76-177(1)(b) shall be deposited by the State Tax Commission
81 into the special fund created in Section 3 of House Bill No. ,
82 2006 Regular Session.

83 **SECTION 3.** There is created in the State Treasury a special
84 fund. The fund shall consist of such monies as are required to be
85 deposited into the fund under Section 75-76-129. Unexpended
86 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
87 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or
88 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into
89 such fund. Beginning on the last working day of October 2006 and
90 on the last working day of each three (3) months thereafter, the
91 monies on deposit and to the credit of the special fund shall be
92 paid and distributed by the State Treasurer, upon warrants issued
93 by the State Fiscal Officer, equally to and among the chancery
94 clerks of the counties within the state in which gaming is not
95 authorized by law. Upon receipt of such monies, the chancery

96 clerk shall deposit such monies in the county general fund and the
97 board of supervisors of such county may appropriate and authorize
98 such monies to be expended for the construction, repair and
99 maintenance of county roads and bridges, for law enforcement
100 purposes or for any other purposes for which county general fund
101 monies lawfully may be expended.

102 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
103 and after July 1, 2006.