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To: Municipalities; County  
Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2744

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT PLACE CERTAIN  
2 RESTRICTIONS ON EXISTING SHOOTING RANGES; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) A sport shooting range that is not in  
6 violation of a state law or an ordinance of a unit of local  
7 government prior to the enactment of a new ordinance of a unit of  
8 local government affecting the range may continue in operation  
9 even if, at or after the time of the enactment of the new  
10 ordinance, the operation of the sport shooting range is not in  
11 compliance with the new ordinance.

12 (2) No new ordinance of a local unit of government shall  
13 prohibit a sport shooting range that is in existence on the  
14 effective date of this section from doing any of the following  
15 within the existing geographic boundaries of the sport shooting  
16 range:

17 (a) Repair, remodel or reinforce any building or  
18 improvement as may be necessary in the interest of public safety  
19 or to secure the continued use of the building or improvement;

20 (b) Reconstruct, repair, rebuild or resume the use of a  
21 facility or building damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of  
22 nature or act of war occurring after the effective date of this  
23 section;

24 (c) Expand or enhance its membership or opportunities  
25 for public participation;

26 (d) Reasonably expand or increase facilities or  
27 activities.

28           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after its passage.