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To: Environment Prot, Cons
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SENATE BILL NO. 2873

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING
2 TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE
3 WITH REGARD TO PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF ELECTRONIC WASTE
4 RECYCLING IN MISSISSIPPI AND THE NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
5 COORDINATED, MULTI-STATE END-OF-LIFE PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Mississippi Electronic
9 Waste Recycling Task Force to study and make recommendations with
10 regard to present and future needs of electronic waste recycling
11 in Mississippi and to study the need for the establishment of
12 coordinated, multi-state end-of-life programs. The task force
13 shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the
14 Legislature by January 8, 2008, including any recommended
15 legislation.

16 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following nine
17 (9) members:

18 (a) The Chairman of the House Conservation and Water
19 Resources Committee;

20 (b) The Chairman of the Senate Environmental
21 Protection, Conservation and Water Resources Committee;

22 (c) Two (2) members of the House Conservation and Water
23 Resources Committee appointed by the chairman of the committee;

24 (d) Two (2) members of the Senate Environmental
25 Protection, Conservation and Water Resources Committee appointed
26 by the chairman of the committee;

27 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
28 Department of Environmental Quality, or his designee;

29 (f) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
30 Development Authority, or his designee;

31 (g) A representative of the recycling industry
32 appointed by the Governor;

33 (h) A representative of the waste disposal industry
34 appointed by the Governor; and

35 (i) A representative of the Mississippi Sierra Club.

36 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
37 the effective date of this act, and, within fifteen (15) days
38 thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the
39 House and the Lieutenant Governor, the task force shall meet and
40 organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and a vice
41 chairman. The vice chairman shall also serve as secretary and
42 shall be responsible for keeping all records of the task force. A
43 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
44 quorum. In the selection of its officers and the adoption of
45 rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority
46 of the task force shall be required. All members shall be
47 notified in writing of all meetings, such notices to be mailed at
48 least fifteen (15) days before the date on which a meeting is to
49 be held.

50 (4) Members of the task force who are not legislators, state
51 officials or state employees shall be compensated at the per diem
52 rate authorized by Section 25-3-69 and shall be reimbursed in
53 accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses
54 incurred in the performance of their duties. Legislative members
55 of the task force shall be paid from the contingent expense funds
56 of their respective houses in the same manner as provided for
57 committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session.
58 However, no per diem or expense for attending meetings of the task
59 force may be paid to legislative members of the task force while
60 the Legislature is in session. No task force member may incur per
61 diem, travel or other expenses unless previously authorized by

62 vote, at a meeting of the task force, which action shall be
63 recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. Nonlegislative
64 members shall be paid from any funds made available to the task
65 force for that purpose.

66 (5) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
67 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
68 state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the
69 request of the chairman of the task force, provide to the task
70 force such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task
71 force properly to carry out its duties.

72 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 2007.