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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2226

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 558, LAWS OF 2012, TO
 2 PROVIDE THAT ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
 3 THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OR RECOVERY FOR DAMAGES IN
 4 CONNECTION WITH THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL SHALL BE DEPOSITED
 5 INTO A SPECIAL FUND CALLED THE "DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL DISASTER
 6 FUND" TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR STATE AND COUNTY
 7 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 558, Laws of 2012, is
 10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1. All funds received by or on behalf of the State
 12 of Mississippi through a negotiated settlement or recovery for
 13 economic and punitive damages in connection with the explosion on,
 14 and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater
 15 Horizon, except for any funds that are required by the settlement
 16 to be paid to any other public entity, shall be deposited
 17 into * * * a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury to
 18 be called the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster Fund, for
 19 appropriation by the Legislature to the Mississippi Department of
 20 Transportation as follows:



21 (a) Fifty percent (50%) for the maintenance of roads of
22 greatest need in the state highway system, as determined by the
23 Mississippi Transportation Commission; and

24 (b) Fifty percent (50%) to be transferred to the
25 counties for the maintenance of roads in the county highway system
26 by the Mississippi Transportation Commission, with each county to
27 receive an equal amount annually.

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

