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To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1243

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE INTRASTATE COMMERCE IMPROVEMENT ACT; TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT IS TO IMPROVE INTRASTATE  
3 COMMERCE BY ENSURING BUSINESS THAT IS CONDUCTED IN THIS STATE IS  
4 SUBJECT TO CERTAIN UNIFORM NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS AND OBLIGATIONS;  
5 TO PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, RULE, OR  
6 THAT CREATES A PROTECTED CLASSIFICATION THAT IS NOT CONTAINED IN  
7 STATE LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** This section shall be known and may be cited as  
10 the "Intrastate Commerce Improvement Act."

11 **Section 2.** The purpose of the Intrastate Commerce  
12 Improvement Act is to improve intrastate commerce by ensuring that  
13 businesses, organizations, and employers doing business in  
14 Mississippi are subject to uniform nondiscrimination laws and  
15 obligations, irrespective of the counties, municipalities, and  
16 other political subdivisions in which they are located or engage  
17 in business or commercial activity. Such uniform laws will  
18 benefit the businesses, organizations, and employers seeking to do  
19 business in our state and will attract new ones to our state.



20           **SECTION 3.** (1) No county, municipality, or other political  
21 subdivision may adopt or enforce a local law, ordinance,  
22 resolution, rule, or policy that creates a protected  
23 classification or prohibits discrimination on a basis not  
24 contained in state law.

25           (2) This section shall not apply to a rule or policy that  
26 pertains only to the employees of a county, municipality, or other  
27 political subdivision.

28           (3) Any local law, ordinance, resolution, rule, or policy  
29 adopted before the effective date of this act that violates  
30 subsection (1) of this section, except those provided for by  
31 subsection (2) of this section, shall be null and void.

32           **SECTION 4.** If any subsection or portion of this act is  
33 declared invalid, that declaration shall not affect the validity  
34 of the remaining portions.

35           **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after its passage.

