

By: Senator(s) Gandy

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2801

1 AN ACT ENTITLED THE "INTRASTATE COMMERCE IMPROVEMENT ACT" TO  
2 PROHIBIT ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
3 FROM ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE WHICH CREATES A PROTECTED  
4 CLASSIFICATION OR PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION ON A BASIS NOT  
5 CONTAINED IN STATE LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) **Title.** This section shall be known and may  
8 be cited as the intrastate Commerce Improvement Act.

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

18 (3) **Prohibited conduct.** (a) No county, municipality or  
19 other political subdivision in the state may adopt or enforce a



20 local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or policy that creates a  
21 protected classification or prohibits discrimination on a basis  
22 not contained in state law.

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

26 (c) Any local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or  
27 policy adopted before the operative date of this act that violates  
28 paragraph (a) of this subsection, except those provided for by  
29 paragraph (b) of this subsection, shall be null and void.

30 (4) **Severability.** If any subsection or portion of this act  
31 is declared invalid, that declaration shall not affect the  
32 validity of the remaining portions.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2015.

