

By: Representatives Moore, Miles, Brown,
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To: Transportation; Revenue
and Expenditure General Bills

HOUSE BILL NO. 891
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF WELCOME AND RECOGNITION
2 SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF A COUNTY;
3 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT CERTAIN
4 SIGNS FOR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF
5 INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; TO REQUIRE THE INSTITUTIONS
6 FOR WHICH THE SIGNS ARE ERECTED TO PURCHASE AND PAY THE COST OF
7 ERECTING AND MAINTAINING SUCH SIGNS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission
10 may allow for the erection of welcome, recognition and
11 acknowledgement signs that are adjacent to state highways within
12 an unincorporated area of a county and maintained by public
13 officers or elected officials of counties while carrying out an
14 official duty or responsibility. The local jurisdiction shall be
15 required to purchase and pay the cost of maintaining such signs
16 which shall conform to the requirements of similar signs that are
17 placed by incorporated areas in accordance with rules adopted by
18 the commission and the Mississippi Department of Transportation.
19 The erection of welcome, recognition and acknowledgment signs in



20 areas on or adjacent to freeways or interstate highways is
21 prohibited.

22 (2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall
23 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of
24 this section.

25 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission
26 may allow for the erection of signs for member institutions of the
27 Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
28 that display the name and emblem of such institutions that are
29 similar to signs erected for public state institutions of higher
30 learning. The institutions for which the signs are erected shall
31 be required to purchase and pay the cost of erecting and
32 maintaining such signs which shall conform to the requirements of
33 similar signs that are erected for public state institutions of
34 higher learning.

35 (2) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall
36 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of
37 this section.

38 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2017.

