

By: Representative DeLano

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
2 AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A STUDY OF
3 CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY AND THE
4 OPERATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION FOR THE
5 FISCAL YEAR 2019.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and
10 Administration for the purpose of conducting a study of certain
11 aspects of the alcoholic beverage industry and the operations of
12 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of
13 Revenue as provided in Section 2 of this act for the fiscal year
14 beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....\$ 75,000.00.

15 **SECTION 2.** With the funds appropriated under Section 1 of
16 this act, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
17 contract with a third party to conduct a study and make
18 recommendations to the Legislature for the 2019 Regular Session on
19 the following:



20 (a) The impact that allowing the sale of wines of more
21 than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight in retail food stores
22 would have on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (ABCD) with
23 regard to the increased demand for wine and the effect on
24 available supply of wine in the state; and

25 (b) The current operations of the ABCD and recommended
26 modifications to the ABCD system to improve capacity and supply
27 for permit holders, improve the process for issuing permits,
28 placing orders and making reports to the ABCD, and increase the
29 points of shipment for orders.

30 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
31 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
32 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
33 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
34 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
35 officers in the manner provided by law.

36 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2018.

