

By: Representative Banks

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 642

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-555, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES TO PAY WAGES AT THE
3 FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE RATE TO INMATES WHO ARE USED FOR LABOR; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-555, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-555. (1) The department shall, subject to the
9 necessary security requirements and the needs of the corporation,
10 provide to the corporation sufficient inmate labor for the various
11 prison industry programs. The department may adopt rules and
12 regulations as may be necessary to govern the use of inmates by
13 the corporation. The corporation shall establish policies and
14 procedures, subject to the approval of the department, relating to
15 the use of inmates in the prison industry programs.

16 (2) The corporation shall pay wages at the federal minimum
17 wage rate to inmates who are used for labor in the prison industry
18 programs. This subsection shall not apply to inmates who are
19 participants in the Prison Industry Enhancement Program.



20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2018.

