To: Ways and Means

By: Representative Dortch

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

1	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A JOB TAX CREDIT FOR SUPERMARKETS LOCATED
2	IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 10%
3	OF THE PAYROLL OF THE SUPERMARKET; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF
4	THE CREDIT TAKEN IN ANY ONE TAX YEAR SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN AMOUNT
5	NOT GREATER THAN 50% OF THE TAXPAYER'S STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY
6	ATTRIBUTABLE TO INCOME DERIVED FROM OPERATIONS IN THE STATE FOR
7	THAT YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS
8	THAT MAY BE AWARDED UNDER THIS ACT IN ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR SHALL
9	NOT EXCEED \$4,000,000.00; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-101, MISSISSIPPI
10	CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT FROM SALES TAXATION SALES OF MATERIALS
11	USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUPERMARKET THAT IS LOCATED IN AN
12	AREA DESIGNATED AS AN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITY PURSUANT
13	TO THIS ACT, OR ANY ADDITION OR IMPROVEMENT THEREON, AND SALES OF
14	ANY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NOT LATER THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE
15	COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING, OR ANY ADDITION OR
16	IMPROVEMENT THEREON, TO BE USED IN THE SUPERMARKET; AND FOR
17	RELATED PURPOSES.

- 18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 19 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section:
- 20 (a) "Supermarket" means establishments that are engaged
- 21 in activities designated as supermarkets and other grocery (except
- 22 convenience) stores (industry 445110) under the North American
- 23 Industry Classification System (NAICS).
- 24 (b) "Economically distressed community" means an area
- 25 within a municipality that contains groupings of census tracts

- 26 that include and are contiguous to the central business district,
- 27 where within such census tract groupings at least thirty percent
- 28 (30%) of the residents have incomes that are less than the
- 29 national poverty level as published by the United States Census
- 30 Bureau in the most recent decennial census for which data is
- 31 available.
- 32 (2) The governing authorities of a municipality may
- 33 designate an area within the municipality as an economically
- 34 distressed community. Upon designation of an area within a
- 35 municipality as an economically distressed community, the
- 36 governing authorities of a municipality shall apply to the
- 37 Department of Revenue for certification of the area as an
- 38 economically distressed community. The application shall provide
- 39 the information necessary to establish certification as an
- 40 economically distressed community. The Department of Revenue
- 41 shall certify an area as an economically distressed community if
- 42 it finds that the designation meets the criteria provided for in
- 43 subsection (1)(b) of this section.
- 44 (3) Supermarkets in areas within municipalities certified by
- 45 the Department of Revenue as economically distressed communities
- 46 shall be allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed under this
- 47 chapter equal to ten percent (10%) of the payroll of the
- 48 supermarket.
- 49 (4) The amount of the credit taken in any one (1) tax year
- 50 must be limited to an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%)

- of the taxpayer's state income tax liability attributable to
- 52 income derived from operations in the state for that year.
- 53 (5) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded
- 54 under this section in any one (1) calendar year shall not exceed
- 55 Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00).
- SECTION 2. Section 27-65-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 57 amended as follows:
- 27-65-101. (1) The exemptions from the provisions of this
- 59 chapter which are of an industrial nature or which are more
- 60 properly classified as industrial exemptions than any other
- 61 exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to
- 62 those persons or property exempted by this section or by the
- 63 provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State
- 64 of Mississippi. No industrial exemption as now provided by any
- other section except Section 57-3-33 shall be valid as against the
- 66 tax herein levied. Any subsequent industrial exemption from the
- 67 tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this
- 68 section. No exemption provided in this section shall apply to
- 69 taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.
- 70 The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the
- 71 following:
- 72 (a) Sales of boxes, crates, cartons, cans, bottles and
- 73 other packaging materials to manufacturers and wholesalers for use
- 74 as containers or shipping materials to accompany goods sold by
- 75 said manufacturers or wholesalers where possession thereof will

76 pass to the customer at the time of sale of the goods contained

77 therein and sales to anyone of containers or shipping materials

- 78 for use in ships engaged in international commerce.
- 79 (b) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing
- 80 chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases
- 81 (except natural gas) to a manufacturer for use directly in
- 82 manufacturing or processing a product for sale or rental or
- 83 repairing or reconditioning vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons
- 84 load displacement and over. For the purposes of this exemption,
- 85 electricity used directly in the electrolysis process in the
- 86 production of sodium chlorate shall be considered a raw material.
- 87 This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel except
- 88 to the extent that such fuel comprises by-products which have no
- 89 market value.
- 90 (c) The gross proceeds of sales of dry docks, offshore
- 91 drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or
- 92 production, vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement
- 93 and over, when the vessels or barges are sold by the manufacturer
- 94 or builder thereof. In addition to other types of equipment,
- 95 offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas
- 96 exploration or production shall include aircraft used
- 97 predominately to transport passengers or property to or from
- 98 offshore oil or natural gas exploration or production platforms or
- 99 vessels, and engines, accessories and spare parts for such
- 100 aircraft.

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106 (e) The gross income from repairs to vessels and barges 107 engaged in foreign trade or interstate transportation.

108 (f) Sales of petroleum products to vessels or barges 109 for consumption in marine international commerce or interstate 110 transportation businesses.

(g) Sales and rentals of rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof) for ultimate use in interstate commerce and gross income from services with respect to manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof).

(h) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases (except natural gas) used or consumed directly in manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof). This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel.

122 (i) Sales of machinery or tools or repair parts

123 therefor or replacements thereof, fuel or supplies used directly

124 in manufacturing, converting or repairing ships, vessels or barges

125 of three thousand (3,000) tons load displacement and over, but not

- 126 to include office and plant supplies or other equipment not
- 127 directly used on the ship, vessel or barge being built, converted
- 128 or repaired. For purposes of this exemption, "ships, vessels or
- 129 barges" shall not include floating structures described in Section
- 130 27-65-18.
- 131 (j) Sales of tangible personal property to persons
- 132 operating ships in international commerce for use or consumption
- 133 on board such ships. This exemption shall be limited to cases in
- 134 which procedures satisfactory to the commissioner, ensuring
- 135 against use in this state other than on such ships, are
- 136 established.
- 137 (k) Sales of materials used in the construction of a
- 138 building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any
- 139 machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the
- 140 completion of construction of the building, or any addition
- 141 thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined
- 142 in Section 57-51-5, which are located in a county or portion
- 143 thereof designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to Sections
- 144 57-51-1 through 57-51-15.
- 145 (1) Sales of materials used in the construction of a
- 146 building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any
- 147 machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the
- 148 completion of construction of the building, or any addition
- 149 thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined
- 150 in Section 57-54-5.

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- (n) The value of natural gas lawfully injected into the earth for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil, or lawfully vented or flared in connection with the production of oil; however, if any gas so injected into the earth is sold for such purposes, then the gas so sold shall not be exempt.
- 158 (o) The gross collections from self-service commercial 159 laundering, drying, cleaning and pressing equipment.
- (p) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified companies, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority under Section 57-53-1.
- 167 Sales of component materials used in the (a) construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 168 169 thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and 170 sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which 171 is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation 172 and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, not later than three (3) months after the 173 174 initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging in manufacturing or processing in Tier Three areas (as such term 175

is defined in Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph (q).

179 Sales of component materials used in the (r)(i) 180 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 181 thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than 182 three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or 183 improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company 184 establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters from within or outside the State of Mississippi and creating a 185 186 minimum of twenty (20) jobs at the new headquarters in this state. 187 The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe 188 procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or 189 regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the exemption 190 provided in this subparagraph (i).

(ii) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company expanding or making additions after January 1, 2013, to its national or regional headquarters within the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) new jobs at the headquarters as a result of the expansion or additions. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a

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- 202 purpose of receiving the exemption provided in this subparagraph
- 203 (ii).
- 204 The gross proceeds from the sale of semitrailers, (s)
- 205 trailers, boats, travel trailers, motorcycles, all-terrain cycles
- 206 and rotary-wing aircraft if exported from this state within
- 207 forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another
- 208 state.
- 209 Gross income from the storage and handling of (t)
- 210 natural gas in underground salt domes and in other underground
- 211 reservoirs, caverns, structures and formations suitable for such
- 212 storage.
- 213 Sales of machinery and equipment to nonprofit (u)
- organizations if the organization: 214
- 215 Is tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of (i)
- the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; 216
- 217 (ii) Assists in the implementation of the
- contingency plan or area contingency plan, and which is created in 218
- 219 response to the requirements of Title IV, Subtitle B of the Oil
- Pollution Act of 1990, Public Law 101-380; and 220
- 221 (iii) Engages primarily in programs to contain,
- 222 clean up and otherwise mitigate spills of oil or other substances
- 223 occurring in the United States coastal and tidal waters.
- 224 For purposes of this exemption, "machinery and equipment"
- means any ocean-going vessels, barges, booms, skimmers and other 225

- capital equipment used primarily in the operations of nonprofit organizations referred to herein.
- (v) Sales or leases of materials and equipment to
 approved business enterprises as provided under the Growth and
 Prosperity Act.
- (w) From and after July 1, 2001, sales of pollution

 control equipment to manufacturers or custom processors for

 industrial use. For the purposes of this exemption, "pollution

 control equipment" means equipment, devices, machinery or systems

 used or acquired to prevent, control, monitor or reduce air, water

 or groundwater pollution, or solid or hazardous waste as required

 by federal or state law or regulation.
- 238 Sales or leases to a manufacturer of motor vehicles (x)239 or powertrain components operating a project that has been 240 certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a 241 project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 242 57-75-5(f) (xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f) (xxii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar 243 244 items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; 245 or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services 246 thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used 247 directly in the manufacture of motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas. 248
- 249 (y) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery 250 and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any

- 251 addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise operating a
- 252 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic
- 253 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section
- 254 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi), Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii)
- 255 or Section 57-75-5(f) (xxviii) and any other sales or leases
- 256 required to establish or operate such project.
- 257 (z) Sales of component materials and equipment to a
- 258 business enterprise as provided under Section 57-64-33.
- 259 (aa) The gross income from the stripping and painting
- 260 of commercial aircraft engaged in foreign or interstate
- 261 transportation business.
- (bb) [Repealed]
- 263 (cc) Sales or leases to an enterprise owning or
- 264 operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi
- 265 Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section
- 266 57-75-5(f)(xviii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such
- 267 as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling
- 268 for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or
- 269 replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies,
- 270 electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the
- 271 manufacturing/production operations of the project or used to
- 272 provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas.
- 273 (dd) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery
- 274 and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any
- 275 addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise owning or

276 operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi

277 Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section

278 57-75-5(f)(xviii) and any other sales or leases required to

279 establish or operate such project.

280 (ee) Sales of parts used in the repair and servicing of

281 aircraft not registered in Mississippi engaged exclusively in the

282 business of foreign or interstate transportation to businesses

283 engaged in aircraft repair and maintenance.

284 (ff) Sales of component materials used in the

construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement

286 thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later

287 than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the

288 facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in

289 the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a

290 permanent business enterprise operating a data/information

291 enterprise in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in

292 accordance with Section 57-73-21), meeting minimum criteria

293 established by the Mississippi Development Authority.

294 (gg) Sales of component materials used in the

295 construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement

296 thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three

297 (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility,

298 or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the facility

299 or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive

300 enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Three areas (as such

301 areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), as 302 certified by the Department of Revenue. For purposes of this 303 paragraph, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in 304 Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology 305 intensive enterprise.

Sales of component materials used in the replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building or facility that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to enterprises or companies that were eligible for the exemptions authorized in paragraph (q), (r), (ff) or (gg) of this subsection during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises or companies are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph.

321 Sales of software or software services transmitted 322 by the Internet to a destination outside the State of Mississippi where the first use of such software or software services by the 323 324 purchaser occurs outside the State of Mississippi.

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325	(jj) Gross income of public storage warehouses derived
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327	an eligible facility as defined in Section 27-7-22.35.
328	(kk) Sales of component building materials and
329	equipment for initial construction of facilities or expansion of
330	facilities as authorized under Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7
331	and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.
332	(11) Sales and leases of machinery and equipment
333	acquired in the initial construction to establish facilities as
334	authorized in Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7.

- 335 (mm) Sales and leases of replacement hardware, software
 336 or other necessary technology to operate a data center as
 337 authorized under Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.
 - (nn) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the construction of the facility, to be used in the facility, to permanent business enterprises operating a facility producing renewable crude oil from biomass harvested or produced, in whole or in part, in Mississippi, which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. As used in this paragraph, the term "biomass" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-113-1.

349	(00) Sales of supplies, equipment and other personal
350	property to an organization that is exempt from taxation under
351	Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is the host
352	organization coordinating a professional golf tournament played or
353	to be played in this state and the supplies, equipment or other
354	personal property will be used for purposes related to the golf
355	tournament and related activities.

- 356 Sales of materials used in the construction of a (pp) 357 health care industry facility, as defined in Section 57-117-3, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery 358 359 and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion 360 of construction of the facility, or any addition thereon, to be 361 used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 362 57-117-3. This paragraph shall be repealed from and after July 1, 363 2022.
- 364 (qq) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of automotive 365 parts operating a project that has been certified by the 366 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as 367 defined in Section 57-75-5(f) (xxviii) of machinery and equipment; 368 or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services 369 thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal, nitrogen and natural 370 gas used directly in the manufacture of automotive parts or used 371 to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.
- 372 (rr) Gross collections derived from guided tours on any 373 navigable waters of this state, which include providing

374	accommodations,	guide services and/or related equipment operated
375	by or under the	direction of the person providing the tour, for
376	the purposes of	outdoor tourism. The exemption provided in this
377	paragraph (rr)	does not apply to the sale of tangible personal

- 378 property by a person providing such tours.
- 379 (ss) Retail sales of truck-tractors and semitrailers
 380 used in interstate commerce and registered under the International
 381 Registration Plan (IRP) or any similar reciprocity agreement or
 382 compact relating to the proportional registration of commercial

vehicles entered into as provided for in Section 27-19-143.

- 384 (tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid 385 Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 386 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).
- 387 (uu) Sales or leases to an enterprise and its
 388 affiliates operating a project that has been certified by the
 389 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as
 390 defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) of:
- (i) All personal property and fixtures, including
 without limitation, sales or leases to the enterprise and its
 affiliates of:
- Manufacturing machinery and equipment;
 Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs
- 396 and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income
 397 tax purposes;

398	3. Component building materials, machinery
399	and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other
400	additions or improvements to the project site for the project;
401	4. Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and
402	equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server,
403	software and other hardware equipment); and
404	5. Fuel, supplies (other than
405	nonmanufacturing consumable supplies and water), electricity,
406	nitrogen gas and natural gas used directly in the
407	manufacturing/production operations of such project or used to
408	provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas of such
409	project;
410	(ii) All replacements of, repair parts for or
411	services to repair items described in subparagraph (i)1, 2 and 3
412	of this paragraph; and
413	(iii) All services taxable pursuant to Section
414	27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or
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	(vv) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a
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building materials, machinery and equipment required to establish

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425	(ii) Machinery, special tools (such as dies,
426	molds, and jigs) or repair parts thereof, or replacements and
427	lease thereof, repair services thereon, fuel, supplies and
428	electricity, coal and natural gas used in the manufacturing
429	process and purchased by the enterprise owning or operating the
430	project for the benefit of the project.
431	(ww) Sales of component materials used in the
432	construction of a building, or any expansion or improvement
433	thereon, sales of machinery and/or equipment to be used therein,
434	and sales of processing machinery and equipment which is
435	permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation
436	which is not by its nature intended to be housed in a building
437	structure, no later than three (3) months after initial startup,
438	expansion or improvement of a permanent enterprise solely engaged
439	in the conversion of natural sand into proppants used in oil and
440	gas exploration and development with at least ninety-five percent
441	(95%) of such proppants used in the production of oil and/or gas
442	from horizontally drilled wells and/or horizontally drilled
443	recompletion wells as defined in Sections 27-25-501 and 27-25-701
444	(xx) Sales of materials used in the construction of a
445	supermarket (as defined in Section 1 of this act) that is located
446	in an area designated as an economically distressed community
447	pursuant to Section 1 of this act, or any addition or improvement

the project facility and any additions or improvements thereon;

448	thereon,	and	sales	of	any	machinery	and	equipment	not	later	than
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- 449 three (3) months after the completion of construction of the
- 450 building, or any addition or improvement thereon, to be used in
- 451 the supermarket.
- 452 (2) Sales of component materials used in the construction of
- 453 a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of
- 454 machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of
- 455 manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is
- 456 permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation
- 457 and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a
- 458 building structure, not later than three (3) months after the
- 459 initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging
- 460 in manufacturing or processing in Tier Two areas and Tier One
- 461 areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section
- 462 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of
- 463 Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this
- 464 subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes
- 465 imposed on such transactions under this chapter.
- 466 (3) Sales of component materials used in the construction of
- 467 a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or
- 468 leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months
- 469 after the completion of construction of the facility, or any
- 470 addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any
- 471 addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business
- 472 enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Two

areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such

477 transaction under this chapter.

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- (4) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise.
- 493 (5) (a) For purposes of this subsection:
- 494 (i) "Telecommunications enterprises" shall have 495 the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-73-21;
- 496 (ii) "Tier One areas" mean counties designated as
 497 Tier One areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

498			(iii) "	Tier	Two	areas	s" mean	counties	designated	as
499	Tier Two	areas	pursuant	to	Secti	on 57	7-73-21	;		

- (iv) "Tier Three areas" mean counties designated
 as Tier Three areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21; and
 (v) "Equipment used in the deployment of broadband
 technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in
 connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior
- 505 to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that
- 506 is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per
- 507 second in at least one (1) direction, including, but not limited
- 508 to, asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line
- 509 access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics
- 510 and related equipment.
- 511 (b) Sales of equipment to telecommunications
- 512 enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2020, that is
- 513 installed in Tier One areas and used in the deployment of
- 514 broadband technologies shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the
- 515 taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.
- 516 (c) Sales of equipment to telecommunications
- 517 enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2020, that is
- 518 installed in Tier Two and Tier Three areas and used in the
- 519 deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from the
- 520 taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.
- 521 (6) Sales of component materials used in the replacement,
- 522 reconstruction or repair of a building that has been destroyed or

523	sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by
524	the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein
525	to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result
526	of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or
527	processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached
528	to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its
529	nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to
530	enterprises that were eligible for the partial exemptions provided
531	for in subsections (2) , (3) and (4) of this section during initial
532	construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which
533	enterprises are certified by the Department of Revenue as being
534	eligible for the partial exemption granted in this subsection,
535	shall be exempt from one-half $(1/2)$ of the taxes imposed on such
536	transactions under this chapter.

- 537 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new 538 section in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.
- 539 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 540 and after July 1, 2019.

