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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 647

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 61-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AIRPORT" AS USED IN THE AIRPORT
3 AUTHORITIES LAW TO EXCLUDE BUFFER AREAS AND AREAS FOR AIRPORT
4 COMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 61-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 61-3-3. The following words or terms, whenever used or
9 referred to in this chapter, shall have the following respective
10 meanings unless different meanings clearly appear from the
11 context:

12 (a) "Airport" means any area of land or water which is
13 used, or intended for use, for the landing and taking off of
14 aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended
15 for use, for airport buildings or other airport facilities or
16 rights-of-way, * * * together with all buildings and facilities
17 located thereon.



18 (b) "Airport authority" or "authority" means any
19 airport authority created pursuant to the provisions of this
20 chapter.

21 (c) "Airport hazard" means any structure, object or
22 natural growth, or use of land which obstructs the airspace
23 required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an
24 airport, or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off
25 of aircraft.

26 (d) "Air navigation facility" means any facility other
27 than one owned and operated by the United States, used in,
28 available for use in, or designed for use in aid of air
29 navigation, including any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons,
30 markers, communicating systems, or other instrumentalities, or
31 devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or
32 convenience, to the safe taking off, navigation and landing of
33 aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an
34 airport, and any combination of any or all of such facilities.

35 (e) "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, interim
36 certificates, debentures or similar obligations issued by an
37 authority pursuant to this chapter.

38 (f) "Governing body" means the official or officials
39 authorized by law to exercise ordinance or other lawmaking powers
40 of a municipality.

41 (g) "Local government" means any local governmental
42 unit as defined in Section 17-13-5.



43 (h) "Municipal airport authority" or "municipal
44 authority" means a municipal airport authority created pursuant to
45 the provisions of Section 61-3-5 or 61-3-6.

46 (i) "Municipality" means any county, supervisors
47 district or supervisors districts, or all that portion of the
48 county lying outside the territorial boundaries of any named city,
49 town or village, and a city, town and village of this state or any
50 state-supported institution of higher learning or any public
51 community or junior college.

52 (j) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,
53 corporation, company, association, joint-stock association or body
54 politic, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee or other
55 similar representative thereof.

56 (k) "Regional airport authority" or "regional
57 authority" means a regional airport authority created pursuant to
58 the provisions of Section 61-3-7.

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after its passage.

