To: Ways and Means

By: Representative White

HOUSE BILL NO. 808

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ENTERPRISES THAT OWN OR OPERATE UPHOLSTERED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES FOR EACH FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE EMPLOYED BY THE SUCH ENTERPRISE IN A NEW CUT AND SEW JOB, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THAT SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-7-22.36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 9 amended as follows:
- 10 27-7-22.36. (1) As used in this section:
- 11 (a) "Full-time employee" means an employee that works
- 12 at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.
- 13 (b) "New cut and sew job" means a job in which the
- 14 employee cuts and sews upholstery for upholstered household
- 15 furniture and which job did not exist in this state before January
- 16 1, 2010.
- 17 (2) Any enterprise owning or operating an upholstered

- 18 household furniture manufacturing facility is allowed a job tax
- 19 credit for taxes imposed by this chapter equal to Two Thousand
- 20 Dollars (\$2,000.00) annually for each full-time employee employed

- 21 in a new cut and sew job for a period of five (5) years from the
- 22 date the credit commences. The credit shall commence on the date
- 23 selected by the enterprise. For the year in which the
- 24 commencement date occurs, the credit will be determined based on
- 25 the monthly average number of full-time employees employed in new
- 26 cut and sew jobs subject to the Mississippi income tax withholding
- 27 that are employed by the enterprise. For each year thereafter,
- 28 the number of new cut and sew jobs shall be determined by
- 29 comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees
- 30 employed in new cut and sew jobs subject to the Mississippi income
- 31 tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period
- 32 of the prior taxable year. The Department of Revenue shall verify
- 33 that the jobs claimed by enterprises to obtain the credit meet the
- 34 definition of the term "new cut and sew job." The Department of
- 35 Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed each year for employment
- 36 fluctuations.
- 37 (3) The credit that may be used each year shall be limited
- 38 to an amount not greater than the total state income tax liability
- 39 of the enterprise. Any tax credit claimed under this section but
- 40 not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5)
- 41 consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the
- 42 credits were earned.
- 43 (4) The tax credits provided for in this section shall be in
- 44 lieu of the tax credits provided for in Section 57-73-21 and any

- 45 enterprise using the tax credit authorized in this section shall
- 46 not use the tax credit authorized in Section 57-73-21.
- 47 (5) Any taxpayer who is eliqible for the credit authorized
- 48 in this section prior to January 1, * * * 2022, shall be eligible
- 49 for the credit authorized in this section, notwithstanding the
- 50 repeal of this section, and shall be allowed to carry forward the
- 51 credit after January 1, * * * 2022, as provided for in subsection
- 52 (3) of this section.
- 53 (6) This section shall be repealed from and after January
- 54 1, * * * 2022.
- 55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- and after January 1, 2019.