

By: Representatives Banks, Denton, Johnson,  
Straughter

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 368

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, 2020.

