

By: Representative Currie

To: Tourism

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1290

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 39-27-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI BLUES COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE AN
3 APPROPRIATE SITE IN BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, AND PROVIDE FUNDING
4 TO PURCHASE, ERECT AND MAINTAIN AN APPROPRIATE "MISSISSIPPI BLUES
5 TRAIL" MARKER FOR THE LATE VIRGIL RAY BRAWLEY, JR.; TO DIRECT THE
6 MISSISSIPPI BLUES COMMISSION TO ADD THE LYNYRD SKYNYRD MONUMENT IN
7 AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL; AND FOR
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 39-27-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 39-27-3. (1) The commission shall designate specific sites
13 for erection of appropriate "Mississippi Blues Trail" markers to
14 offer to tourists and targeted groups a structured tour of
15 Mississippi blues historical sites and performance venues. The
16 commission shall be authorized to purchase appropriate Mississippi
17 Blues Trail markers from any of its available funds. The texts
18 for the Mississippi Blues Trail markers shall be approved by the
19 commission. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
20 cooperate with the commission by erecting and maintaining the
21 markers that have been approved by the commission.



22 (2) The commission shall designate an appropriate site in
23 Brookhaven, Mississippi, and provide funding to purchase, erect
24 and maintain an appropriate "Mississippi Blues Trail" marker for
25 the late Virgil Ray Brawley, Jr.

26 (3) The commission shall add the Lynyrd Skynyrd Monument
27 located on Easley Road in Amite County, Mississippi, to the
28 Mississippi Blues Trail, and any costs associated therewith shall
29 be paid with funds from private sources.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2020.

