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To: Accountability,  
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## HOUSE BILL NO. 274

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED  
2 BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO WEAR THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM AND  
3 UTILIZE THE OFFICIAL FIREARM, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ISSUED BY THE  
4 EMPLOYING JURISDICTION WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF VOLUNTARY  
5 DISASTER RELIEF IN THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE DURING OFF-DUTY  
6 HOURS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Certified law enforcement officers or certified  
9 part-time law enforcement officers, as defined in Section 45-6-3,  
10 who are employed by a county or municipality may wear the official  
11 uniform and may utilize the official firearm, vehicles and  
12 equipment issued by the employing jurisdiction while in the  
13 performance of voluntary disaster relief in this state or another  
14 state during off-duty hours. The governing authority of a  
15 municipality must approve of such use of the uniform, official  
16 weapon, vehicles and equipment by municipal law enforcement  
17 officers by act spread upon the minutes of such board and approved  
18 by the chief executive. The sheriff of a county must approve such  
19 use of the uniform, official weapon, vehicles and equipment by  
20 deputy sheriffs. Approval shall be on an employee-by-employee



21 basis and not by general order. Any proceedings regarding  
22 application or approval and the minutes regarding same shall be a  
23 public record.

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

