

By: Representative Bennett

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1502  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI COAST TRANSPORTATION  
2 AUTHORITY TO BEAR THE FULL COST OF PROCESSING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS  
3 FOR PARKING GARAGE FEES, FARES, RENTAL FEES AND ADVERTISEMENT FEES  
4 THAT ARE COLLECTED BY THE AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** For the purposes of this section, the following  
7 terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section:

8 (a) "Authority" means the Mississippi Coast  
9 Transportation Authority, doing business as Coast Transit  
10 Authority, in accordance with Sections 21-27-11 through 21-27-29.

11 (b) "Governing body" means the board of commissioners  
12 of the Coast Transit Authority.

13 (c) "Parking garage fees" means the revenue collected  
14 at any parking garage or lot owned or operated by Coast Transit  
15 Authority.

16 (d) "Fares" means all revenue collected by Coast  
17 Transit Authority for services provided or rendered to its  
18 customers or system users.



19 (e) "Rental fees" means all revenue collected by Coast  
20 Transit Authority from third parties for fees associated with  
21 renting space or rooms in any Coast Transit Authority owned or  
22 maintained building or structure.

23 (f) "Advertisement fees" means all revenue collected by  
24 Coast Transit Authority from third parties for the use of Coast  
25 Transit Authority property, real and personal, for advertising  
26 purposes.

27 **SECTION 2.** Upon the discretion of the governing body, the  
28 authority may bear the full cost of processing electronic payments  
29 for all parking garage fees, fares, rental fees and advertisement  
30 fees collected by the authority. However, in no event shall the  
31 authority cease to accept payment by means of United States legal  
32 tender.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after its passage.

