To: Local and Private

By: Senator(s) Carter

SENATE BILL NO. 3149

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, TO FUND A COMMISSION CREATED UNDER SECTIONS 21-27-11 AND 21-27-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONTROL, 2 3 4 MANAGE AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; AND FOR 5 RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 6 7 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this act: 8 "City" means the City of Gulfport, Mississippi; 9 "Governing authorities" means the mayor and city (b) 10 council of the city; 11 "System" means a motor vehicle transportation 12 system for the transportation of passengers within the boundaries 13 of the city, including the Mississippi Coast Transit Authority and 14 its successors; and (d) "Commission" means a commission created by the 15 governing authorities under Sections 21-27-11 and 21-27-13, 16 17 Mississippi Code of 1972, to control, manage and operate a system. 18 (2) The governing authorities may, in their discretion, contribute, allocate, pledge, loan or otherwise provide municipal 19

- 20 funds or monies to a commission, accompanied with, or by way of
- 21 express designation for, acceptance and use of funds or other
- 22 requirements, conditions or restrictions associated with the
- 23 acceptance and use of such funds, or by way of general provision
- 24 without any accompanying requirements, conditions or restrictions,
- 25 regarding acceptance of funds and their use.
- 26 (3) Such funds contributed, allocated, pledged, loaned or
- 27 otherwise provided by the governing authorities may be utilized
- 28 for the design and construction of roads, bridges, transportation
- 29 corridors and other infrastructure, as well as for operational
- 30 expenses, the purchase or acquisition of capital resources,
- 31 property, equipment, materials or supplies, or for any other
- 32 lawful purpose.
- 33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 34 and after its passage.