MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representatives Lamar, Stamps, Brown (20th), Hopkins, Williamson, Boyd (19th)

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1733 (As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS 2 AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1125, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE 3 THE METHODS OF DEPRECIATION THAT MAY BE USED FOR CERTAIN 4 EXPENDITURES AND PROPERTY UNDER THE STATE INCOME TAX LAW; AND FOR 5 RELATED PURPOSES. 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 7 SECTION 1. Section 27-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1125, 2023 Regular Session, is amended 8

9 as follows:

10 27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed 11 as deductions:

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(1) Business deductions.

(a) Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary
expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on
any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for
salaries or other compensation for personal services actually
rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current
employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and
lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or

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20 business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a 21 condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the 22 trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he had no equity. Expense 23 24 incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable 25 income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the 26 Internal Revenue Code of 1986. There shall also be allowed a 27 28 deduction for expenses as provided in Section 41-137-51.

29 (b) **Interest.** All interest paid or accrued during the 30 taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the 31 indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks, 32 the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of this article; provided, however, in the case of securities 33 34 dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of 35 which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be 36 deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is 37 reported as income. Investment interest expense shall be limited 38 to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an 39 40 undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to 41 the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this 42 paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the 43 purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness 44

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Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable 51 (C) Taxes. 52 year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on 53 or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift 54 taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and 55 use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or 56 business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of 57 an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the provisions of subsection (3) (a) of this section are to be claimed 58 59 thereunder.

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(d) Business losses.

(i) Losses sustained during the taxable year not
compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or
business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

64 (ii) Limitations on losses from passive activities
65 and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the
66 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) Bad debts. Losses from debts ascertained to be
worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in
the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer;

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73 **Depreciation.** (i) A reasonable allowance for (f) 74 exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or 75 business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings 76 based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if 77 acquired prior thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to 78 that date. In the case of new or used aircraft, equipment, 79 engines, or other parts and tools used for aviation, allowance for 80 bonus depreciation conforms with the federal bonus depreciation rates and reasonable allowance for depreciation under this section 81 82 is no less than one hundred percent (100%).

83 (ii) 1. For the purposes of computing income tax 84 for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, a taxpayer may 85 treat specified research or experimental expenditures that are 86 paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the tax year in connection with the taxpayer's trade or business as expenses that are not 87 88 chargeable to the capital account. Such expenditures so treated 89 shall be allowed as an immediate deduction. Such expenditures 90 shall remain allowable as a full and immediate expense deduction 91 in the year in which the expenses are incurred notwithstanding any 92 changes to the federal Internal Revenue Code related to the 93 depreciation of such specified research or experimental 94 expenditures. A taxpayer may alternatively treat the depreciation

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95	of such specified research or experimental expenditures in	
96	accordance with the schedule provided in 26 USCS Section 174. A	
97	taxpayer may make an election whether to take a full and immediate	
98	deduction for such expenditures and/or to depreciate the	
99	expenditures in accordance with 26 USCS Section 174. Such an	
100	election may be made for any tax year if made not later than the	
101	time prescribed by law for filing the return for such tax year,	
102	including extensions thereof. The method so elected by the	
103	taxpayer is irrevocable unless the commissioner specifically	
104	allows a change in the method.	
105	2. For the purpose of computing income tax	
106	for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, expenditures for	
107	business assets that are qualified property or qualified	
108	improvement property shall be eligible for one hundred percent	
109	(100%) bonus depreciation and may be deducted as an expense	
110	incurred by the taxpayer during the tax year during which the	
111	property is placed in service, notwithstanding any changes to	
112	federal law related to cost recovery beginning on January 1, 2023,	
113	or on any other date. A taxpayer may alternatively treat the	
114	depreciation of such business assets in accordance with the	
115	schedule provided in 26 USCS Section 168. A taxpayer may make an	
116	election whether to take a bonus depreciation deduction for such	
117	expenditures and/or to depreciate the expenditures in accordance	
118	with 26 USCS Section 168. Such an election may be made for any	
119	tax year if made not later than the time prescribed by law for	

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120 filing the return for such tax year, including extensions thereof. 121 The method so elected by the taxpayer is irrevocable unless the 122 commissioner specifically allows a change in the method. 123 3. In any taxable year in which any 26 USCS 124 Section 179 property is placed in service, a taxpayer may elect to 125 treat the cost of such property as an expense which is not chargeable to a capital account, and any cost so treated shall be 126 127 allowed as a deduction for that year. Mississippi's treatment of 128 the deduction shall conform to the provisions of 26 USCS Section 129 179 in effect for that year. 130 4. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms 131 132 shall have the meanings ascribed herein: 133 a. "Qualified improvement property" 134 means and has the same definition as such term has in 26 USCS 135 Section 168(e)(6) as it existed on January 1, 2021, and shall 136 apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2022. 137 b. "Qualified property" means and has 138 the same definition as such term has in 26 USCS Section 168(k) as 139 it existed on January 1, 2021, and shall apply to property placed 140 in service after December 31, 2022. 141 c. "Specified research or experimental 142 expenditures" means and has the same definition as such term has in 26 USCS Section 174 as it existed on January 1, 2021. 143

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144 <u>5. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be</u>
145 <u>construed to nullify or otherwise alter the treatment of</u>
146 <u>depreciation expenses for any tax year prior to 2023.</u>
147 <u>6. The total of any method or combination of</u>
148 <u>methods of depreciation used under this subparagraph (ii) cannot</u>
149 <u>exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the subject</u>
150 <u>property.</u>

(g) **Depletion**. In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

158 (h) **Contributions or gifts.** Except as otherwise 159 provided in paragraph (p) of this subsection or subsection (3)(a) 160 of this section for individuals, contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable year to corporations, 161 162 organizations, associations or institutions, including Community 163 Chest funds, foundations and trusts created solely and exclusively 164 for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or 165 for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private 166 stockholder or individual. This deduction shall be allowed in an 167 amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the net income. 168 Such

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169 contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if 170 verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the 171 commissioner, with the approval of the Governor. Contributions 172 made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as a deduction, 173 subject to the limitations herein provided, in an amount equal to 174 the actual market value of the contributions at the time the 175 contribution is actually made and consummated.

(i) Reserve funds - insurance companies. In the case of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at maturity.

(j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends,
paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when
such income has been included in gross income.

184 (k) Contributions to employee pension plans. 185 Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or 186 187 death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for 188 the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its 189 employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, 190 their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income 191 192 tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the 193

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196 The plan or trust be irrevocable. (i) 197 (ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a 198 pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, 199 or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of 200 the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries, 201 for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan 202 or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their 203 beneficiaries.

(iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

207 Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or 208 personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to 209 insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision 210 has been made under the laws of the United States of America, 211 making such contributions deductible from income for federal 212 income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent 213 under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(1) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers. A
net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31,
1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss
carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the
taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any

taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen (15) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991.

For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

230 A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net 231 232 operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years 233 preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss 234 for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2) 235 taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there 236 shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20) 237 taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning 238 with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.

The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall not be allowed in computing same:

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243 (i) No net operating loss deduction shall be244 allowed.

245 (ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be 246 allowed.

(iii) Allowable deductions which are not attributable to taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of gross income not derived from such trade or business.

251 Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period 252 253 with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner 254 255 prescribed by the Department of Revenue and shall be made by the 256 due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's 257 return for the taxable year of the net operating loss for which 258 the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any 259 taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

260 Amortization of pollution or environmental control (m) 261 facilities. Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his 262 election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or 263 environmental control facilities to the same extent as that 264 allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, 265 regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder. 266 Dividend distributions - real estate investment (n)

267 **trusts.** "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to

as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition:

(i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be
allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified
REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction
if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.

(ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder or related party would have received the dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

(iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section 285 27-7-15(4)(t).

(iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the

292 federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to 293 prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax.

(o) Contributions to college savings trust fund
accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable
College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under
Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid tuition
contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable
College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section
37-155-17.

301 (p) Contributions of human pharmaceutical products. То 302 the extent that a "major supplier" as defined in Section 303 27-13-13(2)(d) contributes human pharmaceutical products in excess 304 of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) as 305 determined under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, the 306 charitable contribution limitation associated with those donations 307 shall follow the federal limitation but cannot result in the 308 Mississippi net income being reduced below zero.

309 (q) Contributions to ABLE trust fund accounts.
310 Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Achieving a Better Life
311 Experience (ABLE) Program account are deductible as provided under
312 Section 43-28-13.

313 (2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible
 314 expenses and interest expenses with a related member.

315 (a) As used in this subsection (2):

316 (i) "Intangible expenses and costs" include:

H. B. No. 1733 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 23/HR26/R2253SG PAGE 13 (BS\KW) 317 1. Expenses, losses and costs for, related 318 to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, 319 320 sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to 321 the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in 322 determining taxable income under this chapter; 323 Expenses or losses related to or incurred 2. 324 in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions 325 or discounting transactions; 326 3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright 327 fees;

- 328 4. Licensing fees; and
- 329 5. Other similar expenses and costs.

(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent
applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights
and similar types of intangible assets.

(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

340 (iv) "Related member" means an entity or person341 that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of

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368 related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered
369 a corporation for purposes of this section.

(b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back
otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible
expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued to or
incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more
direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.
(c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall

376 not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and 377 intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish 378 meets one (1) of the following:

379 (i) The related member directly or indirectly
380 paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same
381 income year who is not a related member; or

(ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property.

389 (d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer390 to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest

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393 (e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as
394 necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
395 subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions
396 of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount
397 transactions.

398 (3) **Indiv**

3) Individual nonbusiness deductions.

399 (a) The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness
400 itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the
401 individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize
402 deductions on his federal return except the following:

(i) The deduction for state income taxes paid or d04 other taxes allowed for federal purposes in lieu of state income taxes paid;

406 (ii) The deduction for gaming losses from gaming407 establishments;

(iii) The deduction for taxes collected by
licensed gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-901;
(iv) The deduction for taxes collected by gaming
establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-903; and
(v) The deduction for medical expenses for the
provision of gender transition procedures as defined in Section 2

414 of House Bill No. 1125, 2023 Regular Session.

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(i) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars
(\$3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred
Dollars (\$4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand
Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter
in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined
return;

(ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars
(\$1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred
Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand
Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for each calendar year
thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate
returns;

432 Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (iii) 433 (\$3,400.00) in the case of a head of family; or 434 (iv) Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars 435 (\$2,300.00) in the case of an individual who is not married. 436 In the case of a husband and wife living together, having separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard 437 438 deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard 439

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(c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

450 (4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be451 deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.

452 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision in Title 27,
453 Mississippi Code of 1972, there shall be allowed an income tax
454 deduction for otherwise deductible expenses if:

455 (a) The payment(s) for such deductible expenses are 456 made with the grant or loan program of the Paycheck Protection 457 Program as authorized under (i) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and 458 Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Consolidated Appropriations 459 Act of 2021, (ii) the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan 460 Program, (iii) the 2020 COVID-19 Mississippi Business Assistance 461 Act, (iv) the Rental Assistance Grant Program, (v) the Shuttered 462 Venue Operators Grant Program and Restaurant Revitalization Fund 463 authorized by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the federal American 464

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H. B. No. 1733 23/HR26/R2253SG PAGE 19 (BS\KW) 465 Rescue Plan Act, and/or (vi) the Mississippi Agriculture

466 Stabilization Act; and

467 (b) Such deductible expenses shall be allowed as468 deductions for federal income tax purposes.

469 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 470 and after January 1, 2023.

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