

By: Senator(s) Seymour

To: Veterans and Military  
Affairs; Public Property

SENATE BILL NO. 2186

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 55-15-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC GOVERNING ENTITIES TO MOVE  
3 HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 55-15-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 55-15-81. (1) None of the following items, structures or  
8 areas may be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or  
9 rededicated: any Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American  
10 War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I,  
11 World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, War in  
12 Iraq or Native American War's statues, monuments, memorials or  
13 nameplates (plaques), which have been erected on public property  
14 of the state or any of its political subdivisions, such as local,  
15 municipal or county owned public areas, and any statues,  
16 monuments, memorials, nameplates (plaques), schools, streets,  
17 bridges, buildings, parks preserves, reserves or other public  
18 items, structure or areas of the state or any of its political



19 subdivisions, such as, local, municipal or county owned public  
20 areas, which has been dedicated in memory of, or named for, any  
21 historical military figure, historical military event, military  
22 organization or military unit.

23 (2) No person may prevent the public body responsible for  
24 maintaining any of the items, structures or areas described above  
25 from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the  
26 protection, preservation, care, repair or restoration of those  
27 items, structures or areas. \* \* \*

28 (3) This section shall not apply to items, structures or  
29 areas located on property owned or acquired by the Mississippi  
30 Transportation Commission which may interfere with the  
31 construction, maintenance or operation of public transportation  
32 facilities.

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

