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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2385

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE GAMING COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HUMAN SERVICES TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR
3 THE WITHHOLDING OF GAMING PRIZES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE OUTSTANDING
4 CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES; TO STATE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
5 INTENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislature finds that children are
8 adversely affected when parents who have outstanding child support
9 obligations divert their financial support to gaming. Therefore,
10 it is the intent of the Legislature that a parent's winnings
11 should be applied to the parent's outstanding child support
12 obligations.

13 (2) The Mississippi Gaming Commission shall coordinate with
14 the Mississippi Department of Human Services to promulgate rules
15 and regulations providing for the withholding of gaming prizes of
16 persons who have outstanding child support arrearages as reported
17 to the commission, beginning at prize levels to be determined by
18 the commission. The commission may require any agency reporting
19 current child support arrearages to the commission to provide



20 information relating to such arrearages in a manner, format or
21 record approved by the commission. The commission shall not be
22 liable for withholding a gaming prize based upon child support
23 arrearage information provided to it. Additionally, the
24 commission shall employ the same methods, procedures and
25 parameters to withhold gaming prizes for persons who have
26 delinquent debt as submitted by a claimant agency to the
27 Department of Revenue for recovery under Section 27-7-501 et seq.
28 The commission shall not be liable for withholding a gaming prize
29 based upon delinquent debt information provided to it by the
30 Department of Revenue.

31 (3) To the extent feasible, the commission shall coordinate
32 with state agencies to promulgate administrative rules and
33 regulations providing for the withholding of gaming prizes of
34 persons who have outstanding debts owed to the state.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2023.

