

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 975

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
 2 ADMINISTRATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE STATE BOARD OF MENTAL
 3 HEALTH, TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS
 4 THEREON, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TUPELO, LEE COUNTY,
 5 MISSISSIPPI, WHICH IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI
 6 STATE HOSPITAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and
 9 Administration, acting on behalf of the State Board Of Mental
 10 Health, to purchase certain real property, and any improvements
 11 thereon, located within the City of Tupelo, Lee County,
 12 Mississippi, which is located adjacent to the North Mississippi
 13 State Hospital, and being more particularly described as follows:

14 Property located at 1925 Briar Ridge Road, Tupelo,
 15 Mississippi, 38804, consisting of a residential dwelling
 16 of approximately 1,800 square feet and other structural
 17 appurtenances within its curtilage, and containing 0.93
 18 acres, more or less.

19 (2) The real property and improvements described in
 20 subsection (1) of this section shall not be purchased for an



21 amount greater than the current fair market value as determined by
22 the average of two (2) appraisals by qualified appraisers, at
23 least one (1) of whom shall be selected by the Department of
24 Finance and Administration, and both of whom shall be certified
25 and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing
26 and Certification Board.

27 (3) The State Board of Mental Health, with the assistance of
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, is authorized to
29 negotiate any and all closing costs related to the acquisition of
30 the property.

31 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration may correct
32 any discrepancies in the legal descriptions of the property
33 provided in this section.

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

