By: Representative Denton

To: Business and Commerce

HOUSE BILL NO. 484

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-60-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
- 2 TO AUTHORIZE PERSONS THAT HOLD A HOME INSPECTOR LICENSE TO OFFER
- 3 TO PERFORM OR PERFORM INSPECTION SERVICES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR
- 4 A FEE WITHOUT HAVING FIRST OBTAINED A RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDERS
- 5 LICENSE FROM THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF CONTRACTORS AND
- 6 CERTIFICATION BY THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS OR ANY OTHER
- 7 NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CODE ORGANIZATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 9 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-60-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 10 amended as follows:
- 11 73-60-27. (1) On or after July 1, 2001, any person who acts
- 12 as a home inspector, or holds himself or herself out as a home
- 13 inspector, without being licensed under this chapter, shall, in
- 14 addition to any other penalty provided by law, be liable for an
- 15 administrative fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
- 16 for a first offense and not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars
- 17 (\$5,000.00) for a second or subsequent offense as determined by
- 18 the Appraisal Board.
- 19 (2) The Appraisal Board has the authority and power to
- 20 investigate any and all unlicensed activity.

21	(3) No licensed home inspector may perform repairs on a
22	residential building as part of or result of the home inspection.
23	(4) * * * Persons licensed under this chapter * * * $\frac{may}{may}$
24	offer to perform or perform inspection services on new
25	construction for a fee without having * * * obtained a residential
26	home builders license from the Mississippi Board of Contractors
27	and certification by the Southern Building Code Congress or any
28	other national professional code organization.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

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and after July 1, 2025.