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To: Municipalities;
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1275

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
3 GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS
4 ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND
5 IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS PARKS OPERATED AND/OR MAINTAINED BY
6 MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES; TO CREATE THE "MUNICIPALITIES AND
7 COUNTIES VETERANS PARKS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE
8 TREASURY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. (1) (a) The Department of Finance and
11 Administration shall establish a grant program for the purpose of
12 providing grants to municipalities and counties to assist in
13 paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades
14 and improvements to veterans parks operated and/or maintained by
15 municipalities and counties.

16 (b) A municipality or county, as the case may be,
17 desiring assistance under the grant program must submit an
18 application to the Department of Finance and Administration. The
19 application must contain a description of the purposes for which
20 the assistance is requested, the amount of assistance requested
21 and any other information requested by the department. A

22 municipality or county also must provide proof that funds from the
23 municipality or county, private sources and/or other sources have
24 been irrevocably dedicated in an amount of not less than the
25 amount of assistance requested for the purposes described in the
26 application.

27 (2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund,
28 to be designated as the "Municipalities and Counties Veterans
29 Parks Fund", which shall consist of funds appropriated or
30 otherwise made available by the Legislature. The fund shall be
31 maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund,
32 separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended
33 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
34 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or
35 investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into
36 such fund. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed, upon
37 appropriation by the Legislature, in the discretion of the
38 Department of Finance and Administration, to provide grants for
39 the purposes described in this section.

40 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have
41 all powers necessary to implement and administer the program
42 established under this section, and the department shall
43 promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the
44 Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the
45 implementation of this section.

46 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2025.

