

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 827

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AGENCIES AND GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO BUY
2 COMMODITIES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND WHEN THE
3 COMMODITIES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGENCIES AND GOVERNING
4 AUTHORITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
7 Industries for the Blind shall establish a listing of all
8 commodities provided, manufactured, produced or sold by the
9 Industries for the Blind and shall transmit a copy of the list to
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, each agency and
11 governing authority.

12 (2) Each agency and governing authority shall make purchases
13 or accept bids for such listed commodities provided, manufactured,
14 produced or sold by the Mississippi Industries for the Blind when
15 such commodities are required.

16 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the
17 Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall fix a fair market price
18 for all articles offered for sale under authority of this act to
19 determine whether or not articles produced by blind and visually
20 impaired persons meet the reasonable requirements of state
21 agencies and governing authorities and to authorize agencies and
22 governing authorities to purchase articles elsewhere when purchase
23 orders cannot be complied with through Mississippi Industries for
24 the Blind.

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified in
26 Chapter 7 of Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2002.

