

By: Representative Malone

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 779

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 99-19-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS IS AUTHORIZED
 3 TO PAY COSTS OF A TRIAL OR COSTS FOR AN EXECUTION FOR AN INMATE
 4 WHO COMMITS A CRIME WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE PENITENTIARY OR FOR
 5 A CRIME COMMITTED BY AN INMATE OUTSIDE THE CONFINES OF THE
 6 PENITENTIARY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-19-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
 9 provides that the Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to pay
 10 out of any available departmental funds all lawful costs, fees or
 11 expenses associated with the trial, or eventual execution, of an
 12 inmate who commits a crime within the confines of the Penitentiary
 13 or commits any crime outside the bounds of the Penitentiary, is
 14 repealed.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
 16 and after July 1, 2004.