

By: Representative Taylor

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FROM  
2 RECOMMENDING OR ENDORSING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS OR SERVICES BY  
3 THEIR EMPLOYING ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any appointed or elected  
6 public official or any employee of the state or any political  
7 subdivision to recommend or endorse the purchase of any goods or  
8 services by the entity for which such public official or employee  
9 is serving or employed. A person violating this section shall be  
10 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined Five  
11 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1)  
12 year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

13 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
14 and after July 1, 2005.