

By: Representative Gunn

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED FOR
3 CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-7-22.32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 27-7-22.32. There shall be allowed as a credit against the
9 tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption
10 expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
11 (\$10,000.00), for each dependent child legally adopted by a
12 taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2006 or
13 during any calendar year thereafter. The tax credit under this
14 section may be claimed for the taxable year in which the adoption
15 becomes final under the laws of this state. Any tax credit
16 claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be
17 carried forward for the three (3) succeeding tax years. A tax
18 credit is not allowed under this section for any child for which
19 an exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section
20 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified
21 adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term
22 has in 26 USCS 23.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after January 1, 2007.