

By: Representative Moak

To: Gaming

HOUSE BILL NO. 603

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A DISTILLER, WINE MANUFACTURER, BREWER, RECTIFIER,
3 BLENDER OR BOTTLER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY HAVE A FINANCIAL
4 INTEREST IN THOSE PREMISES LOCATED WITHIN A LICENSED GAMING
5 ESTABLISHMENT AND UPON WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD AT
6 RETAIL BY A PERMITTEE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERMITTEE DOES NOT SELL
7 OR SERVE ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE DISTILLED, MANUFACTURED,
8 BREWED, RECTIFIED, BLENDED OR BOTTLED BY THE PERSON OR ENTITY
9 HAVING THE FINANCIAL INTEREST IN SUCH PERMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED
10 PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 67-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

14 67-1-77. (1) It shall be unlawful for the holder of a
15 manufacturer's or wholesaler's permit, or anyone connected with
16 the business of such holder, or for any other distiller, wine
17 manufacturer, brewer, rectifier, blender, or bottler, to have any
18 financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic
19 beverage is sold at retail by any permittee, or in the business
20 conducted by such permittee, except that:

21 (a) The holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's
22 permit may contract for the service of a representative in the
23 area of governmental affairs on a part-time basis with a holder of
24 an on-premises permit.

25 (b) A distiller, wine manufacturer, brewer, rectifier,
26 blender or bottler may have a financial interest in those premises
27 located within a licensed gaming establishment and upon which
28 alcoholic beverages are sold at retail by a permittee, or in the
29 business conducted by such permittee, provided that such permittee
30 does not sell or serve any alcoholic beverages that are distilled,



31 manufactured, brewed, rectified, blended or bottled by the person
32 or entity having the financial interest in such permittee.

33 (2) It shall also be unlawful for any such person, or anyone
34 connected with his, its, or their business to lend any money or
35 make any gift or offer any gratuity, to any retail permittee,
36 except as authorized by regulations of the commission, to the
37 holder of any retail permit issued under the provisions of this
38 chapter. Except as above provided, no retail permittee shall
39 accept, receive, or make use of any money or gift furnished by any
40 such person, or become indebted to such person except for the
41 purchase of alcoholic beverages.

42 (3) The commission shall not prohibit the furnishing of
43 advertising specialties, printed materials, or other things having
44 nominal value to a retail permittee. This section shall not be
45 construed to prohibit the possession by any person of advertising
46 specialties, printed materials, or other things having nominal
47 value furnished by a retail permittee.

48 (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section
49 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than
50 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more
51 than two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the
52 discretion of the court.

53 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
54 and after its passage.

