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To: Municipalities; County
Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2744

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT PLACE CERTAIN
2 RESTRICTIONS ON EXISTING SHOOTING RANGES; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) A sport shooting range that is not in
6 violation of a state law or an ordinance of a unit of local
7 government prior to the enactment of a new ordinance of a unit of
8 local government affecting the range may continue in operation
9 even if, at or after the time of the enactment of the new
10 ordinance, the operation of the sport shooting range is not in
11 compliance with the new ordinance.

12 (2) No new ordinance of a local unit of government shall
13 prohibit a sport shooting range that is in existence on the
14 effective date of this section from doing any of the following
15 within the existing geographic boundaries of the sport shooting
16 range:

17 (a) Repair, remodel or reinforce any building or
18 improvement as may be necessary in the interest of public safety
19 or to secure the continued use of the building or improvement;

20 (b) Reconstruct, repair, rebuild or resume the use of a
21 facility or building damaged by fire, collapse, explosion, act of
22 nature or act of war occurring after the effective date of this
23 section;

24 (c) Expand or enhance its membership or opportunities
25 for public participation;

26 (d) Reasonably expand or increase facilities or
27 activities.

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