MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2020

By: Representative Lamar

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1729 (As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR COSTS AND EXPENSES 3 INCURRED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CERTAIN HISTORIC STRUCTURES; TO 4 REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT AUTHORIZES A TAXPAYER TO ELECT TO 5 RECEIVE A 75% REBATE ON THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IN EXCESS OF 6 \$250,000.00 IN LIEU OF THE TEN-YEAR CARRYFORWARD SO AS TO ALLOW 7 THE TAXPAYER TO ELECT TO RECEIVE A REBATE ON 75% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IN LIEU OF THE TEN-YEAR CARRYFORWARD; TO 8 9 INCREASE BY \$60,000,000.00 THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX 10 CREDITS THAT MAY BE AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION; TO GRANT PRIORITY 11 FOR THE TAX CREDIT TO TAXPAYERS WHO WERE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE 12 EVIDENCING THE ELIGIBLE CREDIT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2020; TO PROVIDE 13 THAT THE TAX CREDIT SHALL APPLY TO TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE EVIDENCING THE ELIGIBLE CREDIT BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 14 2030, OR WHO, BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2030, HAVE RECEIVED A 15 16 DETERMINATION IN WRITING FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF 17 ARCHIVES AND HISTORY THAT THE REHABILITATION IS CONSISTENT WITH 18 THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE PROPERTY AND THAT THE PROPERTY MEETS 19 THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR 20 REHABILITATION AND WHO ARE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE EVIDENCING THE 21 ELIGIBLE CREDIT ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2030; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME 22 23 TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES 24 TO ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, TO INCREASE THE AGGREGATE 25 AMOUNT OF THE CREDITS THAT MAY BE AWARDED DURING A CALENDAR YEAR; 26 TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF SUCH CREDITS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 27 28 WHICH AUTHORIZES SEPARATE INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTARY CASH 29 CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND 30 QUALIFYING FOSTER CARE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, TO DECREASE THE 31 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE CREDITS THAT MAY BE AWARDED IN A CALENDAR 32 YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TAX CREDITS NOT AWARDED UNDER THIS 33 SECTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020, MAY BE ALLOCATED DURING 34 CALENDAR YEAR 2020 UNDER SECTION 27-7-22.41 FOR CONTRIBUTIONS BY

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35 TAXPAYERS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO EXTEND 36 THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THAT SECTION OF LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 37 27-7-22.32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME 38 TAX CREDIT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD, TO 39 EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REVERTER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT INCREASES THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT FROM \$2,500.00 TO 40 41 \$5,000.00 PER CHILD AND THE PROVISION THAT AUTHORIZES AN INCOME 42 TAX CREDIT FOR A CHILD ADOPTED THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT 43 OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-101, 44 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND UNTIL JULY 1, 2025, THE SALES 45 TAX EXEMPTION ON SALES OF EQUIPMENT TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS 46 ENTERPRISES THAT IS USED IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES; TO AMEND SECTION 57-87-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 47 TO EXTEND UNTIL JULY 1, 2025, THE INCOME TAX CREDIT AND 48 CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS 49 50 ENTERPRISES FOR THE COST OF EQUIPMENT USED IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES; TO AMEND SECTION 57-87-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE 51 52 OF 1972, TO EXTEND UNTIL JULY 1, 2025, THE AD VALOREM TAX 53 EXEMPTION FOR EQUIPMENT USED IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND 54 TECHNOLOGIES BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISES; TO PROVIDE THAT 55 CERTAIN TAX CREDITS SHALL NOT APPLY TO EQUIPMENT USED IN THE 56 DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES IF SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS PAID 57 FOR, OR ITS COST WAS REIMBURSED BY, FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT; AND 58 59 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

60 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 61 SECTION 1. Section 27-7-22.31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 62 amended as follows:

63 27-7-22.31. (1) As used in this section:

64 "Certified historic structure" means a property (a) 65 located in Mississippi that has been: 66 (i) Listed individually on the National Register 67 of Historic Places; or 68 (ii) Determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States 69 70 Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30) 71 months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or

H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 2 (BS\EW) (iii) Property designated a Mississippi Landmark
by the Department of Archives and History pursuant to Section
39-7-3 et seq.

(b) "Eligible property" means property located in Mississippi and offered or used for residential or business purposes; however, the term "eligible property" shall not include a single-family dwelling unless:

(i) A certificate evidencing the eligible credit
has been issued to the taxpayer by the department prior to July 1,
2016, that applies to such dwelling; or

82 (ii) The dwelling is designated as a National83 Historic Landmark under the National Historic Landmarks Program.

84 (c) "Structure in a certified historic district" means
 85 a structure (and its structural components) located in Mississippi
 86 which:

87 (i) Is listed in the National Register of Historic88 Places; or

(ii) Has been determined eligible for the National
Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the United States
Department of the Interior and will be listed within thirty (30)
months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or
(iii) Is located in a registered historic district

94 listed on the National Register of Historic Places or located in a 95 potential district that has been determined eligible for the 96 National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the

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102 (iv) Is certified by the Mississippi Department of 103 Archives and History as contributing to the historic significance 104 of:

A certified historic district listed on
 the National Register of Historic Places; or

107 2. A potential district that has been 108 determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places 109 by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior 110 and will be listed within thirty (30) months of claiming the 111 credit authorized by this section; or

3. A local district that has been certifiedby the United States Department of the Interior.

114 (d) "Department" means the Department of Archives and115 History.

(2) Any taxpayer incurring costs and expenses for the rehabilitation of eligible property, which is a certified historic structure or a structure in a certified historic district, shall be entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total costs and expenses of rehabilitation incurred after January

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126 (a) If the costs and expenses associated with127 rehabilitation exceed:

128 (i) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in the case129 of an owner-occupied dwelling; or

130 (ii) Fifty percent (50%) of the total basis in the131 property in the case of all other properties; and

(b) The rehabilitation is consistent with the standards
of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior
as determined by the department.

135 (3) Any taxpayer eligible for the credit authorized by this136 section may claim the credit in phases if:

137 (a) There is a written set of architectural plans and
138 specifications for all phases of the rehabilitation (written plans
139 outlining and describing all phases of the rehabilitation shall be
140 accepted as written plans and specifications);

141 (b) The written set of architectural plans and 142 specifications are completed before the physical work on the 143 rehabilitation begins; and

144 (c) It can reasonably be expected that all phases of 145 the rehabilitation will be completed.

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(4) (a) (i) If the amount of the tax credit established by this section exceeds the total state income tax liability for the year in which the rehabilitated property is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the total state income tax liability may be carried forward for the ten (10) succeeding tax years.

(ii) * * * The taxpayer may elect to claim a refund in the amount of seventy-five percent (75%) of the excess credit in lieu of the ten-year carryforward. The election must be made in the year in which the rehabilitated property is placed in service. Refunds will be paid in equal installments over a two-year period and shall be made from current collections.

157 (iii) Refund requests shall be submitted to the
158 Department of Revenue on forms prescribed by the department.
159 Refunds shall be made from current tax collections.

160 Not-for-profit entities, including, but not limited (b) 161 to, nonprofit corporations organized under Section 79-11-101 et 162 seq. shall be ineligible for the credit authorized by this 163 section. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability 164 company taxed as a partnership or multiple owners of property 165 shall be passed through to the partners, members or owners on a 166 pro rata basis or pursuant to an executed agreement among the 167 partners, members or owners documenting an alternative distribution method. Partners, members or other owners of a 168 169 pass-through entity are not eligible to elect a refund of excess credit in lieu of a carryforward of the credit. However, a 170

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179 To claim the credit authorized pursuant to this (5) (a) 180 section, the taxpayer shall apply to the department which shall 181 determine the amount of eligible rehabilitation costs and expenses and whether the rehabilitation is consistent with the standards of 182 183 the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior. 184 The department shall issue a certificate evidencing the eligible 185 credit if the taxpayer is found to be eliqible for the tax credit. 186 The taxpayer shall attach the certificate to all income tax 187 returns on which the credit is claimed. The department shall not issue certificates evidencing the eligible credit which, when 188 189 combined with certificates of eligible credits issued prior to 190 July 1, 2016, will result in credits being awarded in excess of 191 Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) in any one (1) state 192 fiscal year.

(b) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be
awarded under this section shall not exceed * * * <u>One Hundred</u>
<u>Eighty Million Dollars (\$180,000,000.00)</u>. A taxpayer who was

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202 exceed the * * * amount authorized in this paragraph; and 203 (ii) Shall be given priority for tax credits 204 awarded after July 1, * * * 2020.

205 (6) (a) The credit received by a taxpayer pursuant to this 206 section is subject to recapture if:

(i) The property is one that has been determined
eligible for the National Register of Historic Places but is not
listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty
(30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section;

(ii) The potential district in which the property is located is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places within thirty (30) months of claiming the credit authorized by this section; or

(iii) The rehabilitation of the property for which the credit was granted is abandoned.

(b) The taxpayer shall notify the department and the Department of Revenue if any of the situations that subject the credit to recapture occur.

220 (7)(a) The board of trustees of the department shall 221 establish fees to be charged for the services performed by the 222 department under this section and shall publish the fee schedule. 223 The fees contained in the schedule shall be in amounts reasonably 224 calculated to recover the costs incurred by the department for the 225 administration of this section. Any taxpayer desiring to 226 participate in the tax credits authorized by this section shall 227 pay the appropriate fee as contained in the fee schedule to the 228 department, which shall be used by the department, without appropriation, to offset the administrative costs of the 229 230 department associated with its duties under this section.

231 There is hereby created within the State Treasury a (b) 232 special fund into which shall be deposited all the fees collected 233 by the department pursuant to this section. Money deposited into the fund shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal year and 234 235 investment earnings on the proceeds in such special fund shall be 236 deposited into such fund. Money from the fund shall be disbursed 237 upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions 238 signed by the executive director of the department to assist the 239 department in carrying out its duties under this section.

(8) This section shall only apply to taxpayers:
(a) Who have been issued a certificate evidencing the
eligible credit before December 31, * * * 2030; or
(b) Who, before December 31, * * * 2030, have received

244 a determination in writing from the Mississippi Department of

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253 SECTION 2. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 254 amended as follows:

255 27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the 256 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 257 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: "Department" means the Department of Revenue. 258 (a) 259 "Eligible charitable organization" means an (b) 260 organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under 261 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is: 262 Licensed by or under contract or agreement (i) 263 with the Department of Child Protection Services and provides 264 services for: 265 1. The prevention and diversion of children 266 from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, 2. 267 The safety, care and well-being of 268 children in custody with the Department of Child Protection 269 Services, or

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(ii) Certified by the department as a job training, workforce development or educational services charitable organization and provides services to:

Children in a foster care placement
 program established by the Department of Child Protection
 Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children
 model, or children at significant risk of entering a foster care
 placement program established by the Department of Child
 Protection Services,

281 2. Children who have a chronic illness or
282 physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability, or
283 3. Children eligible for free or reduced
284 price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected for
285 participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored by
286 the U.S. Department of Education.

287 (2)The tax credit authorized in this section shall be (a) 288 available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged 289 in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating 290 as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole 291 proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a 292 credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 293 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an 294

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eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may 295 296 be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to an 297 amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax 298 liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections 299 of law. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in 300 any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive 301 years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were 302 earned.

303 (b) A contribution to an eligible charitable 304 organization for which a credit is claimed under this section does 305 not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may 306 be claimed under Section 27-7-22.39.

307 (c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under 308 this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for 309 state income tax purposes.

310 (3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section 311 shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and 312 the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided 313 by the department.

(4) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 12 (BS\EW) 319 (5) The eligible charitable organization's written 320 certification must be signed by an officer of the organization 321 under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include 322 the following:

323 (a) Verification of the organization's status under
324 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

325 (b) A statement that the organization does not provide, 326 pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially 327 support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides 328 coverage of abortions;

329 (c) Any other information that the department requires330 to administer this section.

331 The department shall review each written certification (6) 332 and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to 333 be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the 334 organization of its determination. The department may also 335 periodically request recertification from the organization. The 336 department shall compile and make available to the public a list 337 of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the

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343 partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an 344 executed document.

345 A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the (8) (a) 346 department on forms prescribed by the department. In the 347 application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the 348 dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the 349 calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an 350 application, the department shall allocate credits based on the 351 dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. 352 However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of 353 credits certified in the application due to the limit on the 354 aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section 355 in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant 356 within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that 357 may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the 358 department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the 359 contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as 360 of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made 361 not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. 362 If the contribution is not made within such time period, the 363 allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for 364 reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if 365 the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the 366 amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit 367 allowed under this section.

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 14 (BS\EW) 368 (b) A taxpayer who applied for a tax credit under this 369 section during calendar year 2020, but who was unable to be 370 awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of 371 credits authorized for calendar year 2020, shall be given priority 372 for tax credits authorized to be allocated to taxpayers under this 373 section by Section 27-7-22.39.

374 The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be (9) 375 allocated by the department under this section during a calendar 376 year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during 377 378 a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible 379 charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of 380 this section. However, for calendar year 2021, and for each 381 calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that 382 may be allocated by the department under this section during a 383 calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars 384 (\$10,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar 385 year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated 386 during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to 387 eligible charitable organizations described in subsection 388 (1) (b) (i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax 389 credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for 390 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 391 subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. For calendar year 2021, 392 and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated

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393 during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable 394 organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section, 395 no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be 396 allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year 397 398 thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for 399 contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in 400 subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, no more than five percent 401 (5%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a 402 single eligible charitable organization. 403 * * * 404 Section 27-7-22.39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is SECTION 3. 405 amended as follows: 406 27-7-22.39. (1) As used in this section: 407 "Low-income residents" means persons whose (a) 408 household income is less than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of 409 the federal poverty level. 410 "Qualifying charitable organization" means a (b) 411 charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or 412 413 is a designated community action agency that receives community 414 services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 USC 9901. The organization must spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget 415

416 on services to residents of this state who receive temporary 417 assistance for needy families benefits or low-income residents of

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(c) "Qualifying foster care charitable organization"
means a qualifying charitable organization that each operating
year provides services to at least one hundred (100) qualified
individuals in this state and spends at least fifty percent (50%)

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443 of its budget on services to qualified individuals in this state. 444 A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income tax 445 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements of this paragraph except that it does 446 447 not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in 448 Mississippi may be a qualifying foster care charitable 449 organization if it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of its 450 Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in 451 Mississippi and it certifies to the department that one hundred 452 percent (100%) of the voluntary cash contributions from the 453 taxpayer will be spent on services to qualified individuals in 454 Mississippi. For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualified individual" means a child in a foster care placement program 455 456 established by the Department of Child Protection Services, a 457 child placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or a 458 child at significant risk of entering a foster care placement 459 program established by the Department of Child Protection 460 Services.

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(d) "Services" means:

462 (i) Cash assistance, medical care, child care,
463 food, clothing, shelter, and job-placement services or any other
464 assistance that is reasonably necessary to meet immediate basic
465 needs and that is provided and used in this state;

466 (ii) Job-training or education services or funding 467 for parents, foster parents or guardians; or

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 18 (BS\EW) 468 (iii) Job-training or education services or 469 funding provided as part of a foster care independent living 470 program.

471 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this 472 section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this 473 chapter for voluntary cash contributions by the taxpayer during 474 the taxable year to a qualifying charitable organization, other 475 than a qualifying foster care charitable organization, not to 476 exceed:

477 (a) The lesser of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) or the
478 amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single
479 individual or a head of household.

(b) The lesser of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) or
the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married
couple filing a joint return.

483 (3) A separate credit is allowed against the taxes imposed 484 by this chapter for voluntary cash contributions during the 485 taxable year to a qualifying foster care charitable organization. 486 A contribution to a qualifying foster care charitable organization 487 does not qualify for, and shall not be included in, any credit 488 amount under subsection (2) of this section. If the voluntary 489 cash contribution by the taxpayer is to a qualifying foster care 490 charitable organization, the credit shall not exceed:

H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 19 (BS\EW) 491 (a) The lesser of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or the
492 amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a single
493 individual or a head of household.

(b) The lesser of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or
the amount of the contribution in any taxable year for a married
couple filing a joint return.

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section provide separate credits against taxes imposed by this chapter depending on the recipients of the contributions. A taxpayer, including a married couple filing a joint return, in the same taxable year, may either or both:

502 (a) Contribute to a qualifying charitable organization, 503 other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization, and 504 claim a credit under subsection (2) of this section.

505 (b) Contribute to a qualifying foster care charitable 506 organization and claim a credit under subsection (3) of this 507 section.

508 (5) A husband and wife who file separate returns for a 509 taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may 510 each claim only one-half (1/2) of the tax credit that would have 511 been allowed for a joint return.

512 (6) If the allowable tax credit exceeds the taxes otherwise 513 due under this chapter on the claimant's income, or if there are 514 no taxes due under this chapter, the taxpayer may carry forward 515 the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this

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518 (7) The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of a 519 deduction pursuant to Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code and 520 taken for state tax purposes.

521 (8) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section 522 shall provide the name of the qualifying charitable organization 523 and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms 524 provided by the department.

(9) A qualifying charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect the qualifications under this section.

(10) The charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under
Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or verification
that the organization is a designated community action agency that
receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to
42 USC 9901.

538 (b) Financial data indicating the organization's budget 539 for the organization's prior operating year and the amount of that 540 budget spent on services to residents of this state who either:

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(ii) Are low-income residents of this state;
(iii) Are children who have a chronic illness or
physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability; or
(iv) Are children in a foster care placement
program established by the Department of Child Protection

548 Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children 549 model or children at significant risk of entering a foster care 550 placement program established by the Department of Child 551 Protection Services.

552 A statement that the organization plans to continue (C) 553 spending at least fifty percent (50%) of its budget on services to 554 residents of this state who receive temporary assistance for needy 555 families benefits, who are low-income residents of this state, who 556 are children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, 557 developmental or emotional disability or who are children in a 558 foster care placement program established by the Department of 559 Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families 560 for Children model or children at significant risk of entering a 561 foster care placement program established by the Department of 562 Child Protection Services. A charitable organization that is 563 exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the 564 Internal Revenue Code and that meets all other requirements for a qualifying charitable organization or qualifying foster care 565

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 22 (BS\EW) 566 charitable organization except that it does not spend at least 567 fifty percent (50%) of its overall budget in Mississippi shall 568 submit a statement that it spends at least fifty percent (50%) of 569 its Mississippi budget on services to qualified individuals in 570 Mississippi and that one hundred percent (100%) of the voluntary 571 cash contributions it receives from Mississippi taxpayers will be 572 spent on services to qualified individuals in Mississippi.

(d) In the case of a foster care charitable organization, a statement that each operating year it provides services to at least one hundred (100) qualified individuals in this state.

(e) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions.

581 (f) Any other information that the department requires 582 to administer this section.

583 The department shall review each written certification (11)584 and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to 585 be considered a qualifying charitable organization and notify the 586 organization of its determination. The department may also 587 periodically request recertification from the organization. The 588 department shall compile and make available to the public a list 589 of the qualifying charitable organizations.

590 (12)The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be awarded 591 under this section in any calendar year shall not exceed Three 592 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). However, for calendar year 2021, 593 and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax 594 credits that may be awarded under this section in any calendar 595 year shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). In 596 addition, any tax credits not awarded under this section before 597 June 1, 2020, may be allocated during calendar year 2020 under 598 Section 27-7-22.41 for contributions by taxpayers to eligible 599 charitable organizations described in Section 27-7-22.41(1)(b)(ii) as provided under such section, 600 601 notwithstanding any limitation on the percentage of tax credits

602 that may be allocated for such contributions.

603 (13) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the 604 605 taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the 606 contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within 607 thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the 608 department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of 609 contributions as certified in the application. However, if the 610 department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in 611 the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, 612 613 the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to 614

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 24 (BS\EW) 615 the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has 616 allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the 617 allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than 618 619 sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the 620 contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation 621 shall be cancelled and returned to the department for 622 reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if 623 the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the 624 amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit 625 allowed under this section.

626 (14) This section shall be repealed from and after January
627 1, * * 2025.

628 **SECTION 4.** Section 27-7-22.32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 629 amended as follows:

630 [Through December 31, * * * 2023, this section shall read as 631 follows:]

632 27-7-22.32. (a) There shall be allowed as a credit (1)633 against the tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the 634 qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Two 635 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), for each dependent 636 child legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2006 or during any calendar year thereafter 637 638 through calendar year 2017, and not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each dependent child legally adopted by a 639

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 25 (BS\EW) 640 taxpayer under the laws of this state during any calendar year 641 thereafter. A taxpayer claiming a credit under this paragraph (a) 642 may not claim a credit under paragraph (b) of this subsection for 643 the adoption of the same child.

There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax 644 (b) 645 imposed by this chapter the amount of Five Thousand Dollars 646 (\$5,000.00) for each dependent child legally adopted by a taxpayer under the laws of this state through the Mississippi Department of 647 648 Child Protection Services during calendar year 2018 or during any calendar year thereafter. A taxpayer claiming a credit under this 649 650 paragraph (b) may not claim a credit under paragraph (a) of this 651 subsection for the adoption of the same child.

652 (2)The tax credit under this section may be claimed for the 653 taxable year in which the adoption becomes final under the laws of 654 this state. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not 655 used in any taxable year may be carried forward for the five (5) 656 succeeding tax years. A tax credit is allowed under this section 657 for any child for which an exemption is claimed during the same 658 taxable year under Section 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this 659 section, the term "qualified adoption expenses" means and has the 660 same definition as that term has in 26 USCS 36C.

661 [From and after January 1, * * * 2024, this section shall 662 read as follows:]

663 27-7-22.32. There shall be allowed as a credit against the 664 tax imposed by this chapter the amount of the qualified adoption

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 26 (BS\EW) 665 expenses paid or incurred, not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred 666 Dollars (\$2,500.00), for each dependent child legally adopted by a 667 taxpayer under the laws of this state during calendar year 2006 or 668 during any calendar year thereafter. The tax credit under this 669 section may be claimed for the taxable year in which the adoption 670 becomes final under the laws of this state. Any tax credit 671 claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be 672 carried forward for the three (3) succeeding tax years. A tax 673 credit is allowed under this section for any child for which an 674 exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section 675 27-7-21(e). For the purposes of this section, the term "qualified 676 adoption expenses" means and has the same definition as that term 677 has in 26 USCS 36C.

678 SECTION 5. Section 27-65-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 679 amended as follows:

680 27-65-101. (1) The exemptions from the provisions of this 681 chapter which are of an industrial nature or which are more 682 properly classified as industrial exemptions than any other 683 exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to 684 those persons or property exempted by this section or by the 685 provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State 686 of Mississippi. No industrial exemption as now provided by any 687 other section except Section 57-3-33 shall be valid as against the 688 tax herein levied. Any subsequent industrial exemption from the 689 tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 27 (BS\EW) 690 section. No exemption provided in this section shall apply to 691 taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.

692 The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the 693 following:

(a) Sales of boxes, crates, cartons, cans, bottles and
other packaging materials to manufacturers and wholesalers for use
as containers or shipping materials to accompany goods sold by
said manufacturers or wholesalers where possession thereof will
pass to the customer at the time of sale of the goods contained
therein and sales to anyone of containers or shipping materials
for use in ships engaged in international commerce.

701 Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing (b) 702 chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases 703 (except natural gas) to a manufacturer for use directly in 704 manufacturing or processing a product for sale or rental or 705 repairing or reconditioning vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons 706 load displacement and over. For the purposes of this exemption, 707 electricity used directly in the electrolysis process in the 708 production of sodium chlorate shall be considered a raw material. 709 This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel except 710 to the extent that such fuel comprises by-products which have no 711 market value.

(c) The gross proceeds of sales of dry docks, offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or production, vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement

H. B. No. 1729 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 28 (BS\EW) 715 and over, when the vessels or barges are sold by the manufacturer 716 or builder thereof. In addition to other types of equipment, 717 offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas 718 exploration or production shall include aircraft used 719 predominately to transport passengers or property to or from 720 offshore oil or natural gas exploration or production platforms or vessels, and engines, accessories and spare parts for such 721 722 aircraft.

(d) Sales to commercial fishermen of commercial fishing boats of over five (5) tons load displacement and not more than fifty (50) tons load displacement as registered with the United States Coast Guard and licensed by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

(e) The gross income from repairs to vessels and bargesengaged in foreign trade or interstate transportation.

(f) Sales of petroleum products to vessels or barges
for consumption in marine international commerce or interstate
transportation businesses.

(g) Sales and rentals of rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof) for ultimate use in interstate commerce and gross income from services with respect to manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof).

(h) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processingchemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 29 (BS\EW) (except natural gas) used or consumed directly in manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof). This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel.

744 (i) Sales of machinery or tools or repair parts 745 therefor or replacements thereof, fuel or supplies used directly 746 in manufacturing, converting or repairing ships, vessels or barges of three thousand (3,000) tons load displacement and over, but not 747 748 to include office and plant supplies or other equipment not directly used on the ship, vessel or barge being built, converted 749 750 or repaired. For purposes of this exemption, "ships, vessels or 751 barges" shall not include floating structures described in Section 752 27-65-18.

(j) Sales of tangible personal property to persons operating ships in international commerce for use or consumption on board such ships. This exemption shall be limited to cases in which procedures satisfactory to the commissioner, ensuring against use in this state other than on such ships, are established.

(k) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-51-5, which are located in a county or portion

765 thereof designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to Sections 766 57-51-1 through 57-51-15.

(1) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-54-5.

(m) Income from storage and handling of perishablegoods by a public storage warehouse.

(n) The value of natural gas lawfully injected into the earth for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil, or lawfully vented or flared in connection with the production of oil; however, if any gas so injected into the earth is sold for such purposes, then the gas so sold shall not be exempt.

(o) The gross collections from self-service commerciallaundering, drying, cleaning and pressing equipment.

(p) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified companies, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority under Section 57-53-1.

H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 31 (BS\EW) 789 Sales of component materials used in the (q) construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 790 791 thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and 792 sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which 793 is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation 794 and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a 795 building structure, not later than three (3) months after the 796 initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging 797 in manufacturing or processing in Tier Three areas (as such term 798 is defined in Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by 799 the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption 800 granted in this paragraph (g).

801 (i) Sales of component materials used in the (r) 802 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement 803 thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than 804 three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or 805 improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company 806 establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters 807 from within or outside the State of Mississippi and creating a 808 minimum of twenty (20) jobs at the new headquarters in this state. 809 The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe 810 procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the exemption 811 812 provided in this subparagraph (i).

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 32 (BS\EW) 813 (ii) Sales of component materials used in the 814 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than 815 816 three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or 817 improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company expanding 818 or making additions after January 1, 2013, to its national or 819 regional headquarters within the State of Mississippi and creating 820 a minimum of twenty (20) new jobs at the headquarters as a result 821 of the expansion or additions. The Department of Revenue shall 822 establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a 823 company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for the 824 purpose of receiving the exemption provided in this subparagraph 825 (ii).

(s) The gross proceeds from the sale of semitrailers,
trailers, boats, travel trailers, motorcycles, all-terrain cycles
and rotary-wing aircraft if exported from this state within
forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another
state.

(t) Gross income from the storage and handling of
natural gas in underground salt domes and in other underground
reservoirs, caverns, structures and formations suitable for such
storage.

835 (u) Sales of machinery and equipment to nonprofit836 organizations if the organization:

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 33 (BS\EW) 837 (i) Is tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of838 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(ii) Assists in the implementation of the
contingency plan or area contingency plan, and which is created in
response to the requirements of Title IV, Subtitle B of the Oil
Pollution Act of 1990, Public Law 101-380; and

(iii) Engages primarily in programs to contain,
clean up and otherwise mitigate spills of oil or other substances
occurring in the United States coastal and tidal waters.

For purposes of this exemption, "machinery and equipment" means any ocean-going vessels, barges, booms, skimmers and other capital equipment used primarily in the operations of nonprofit organizations referred to herein.

(v) Sales or leases of materials and equipment to
approved business enterprises as provided under the Growth and
Prosperity Act.

(w) From and after July 1, 2001, sales of pollution control equipment to manufacturers or custom processors for industrial use. For the purposes of this exemption, "pollution control equipment" means equipment, devices, machinery or systems used or acquired to prevent, control, monitor or reduce air, water or groundwater pollution, or solid or hazardous waste as required by federal or state law or regulation.

860 (x) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of motor vehicles 861 or powertrain components operating a project that has been

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 34 (BS\EW) 862 certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 863 864 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) of machinery and 865 equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar 866 items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; 867 or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services 868 thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used 869 directly in the manufacture of motor vehicles or motor vehicle 870 parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

871 (y) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery 872 and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any 873 addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise operating a 874 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic 875 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 876 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi), Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) 877 or Section 57-75-5(f) (xxviii) and any other sales or leases 878 required to establish or operate such project.

879 (z) Sales of component materials and equipment to a880 business enterprise as provided under Section 57-64-33.

(aa) The gross income from the stripping and painting
of commercial aircraft engaged in foreign or interstate
transportation business.

884 (bb) [Repealed]

885 (cc) Sales or leases to an enterprise owning or886 operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 35 (BS\EW) 887 Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 888 57-75-5(f)(xviii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such 889 as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling 890 for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or 891 replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, 892 electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the 893 manufacturing/production operations of the project or used to 894 provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas.

(dd) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise owning or operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) and any other sales or leases required to establish or operate such project.

902 (ee) Sales of parts used in the repair and servicing of 903 aircraft not registered in Mississippi engaged exclusively in the 904 business of foreign or interstate transportation to businesses 905 engaged in aircraft repair and maintenance.

906 (ff) Sales of component materials used in the 907 construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement 908 thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later 909 than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the 910 facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in 911 the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 36 (BS\EW) 912 permanent business enterprise operating a data/information 913 enterprise in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in 914 accordance with Section 57-73-21), meeting minimum criteria 915 established by the Mississippi Development Authority.

916 Sales of component materials used in the (dd) 917 construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement 918 thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three 919 (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, 920 or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the facility or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive 921 922 enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Three areas (as such 923 areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), as 924 certified by the Department of Revenue. For purposes of this 925 paragraph, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology 926 927 intensive enterprise.

928 Sales of component materials used in the (hh) 929 replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building or facility 930 that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result 931 of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and 932 equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment 933 damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but 934 not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and 935 equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a 936 permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 37 (BS\EW) 937 housed within a building structure, to enterprises or companies 938 that were eligible for the exemptions authorized in paragraph (q), 939 (r), (ff) or (gg) of this subsection during initial construction 940 of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises 941 or companies are certified by the Department of Revenue as being 942 eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph.

943 (ii) Sales of software or software services transmitted 944 by the Internet to a destination outside the State of Mississippi 945 where the first use of such software or software services by the 946 purchaser occurs outside the State of Mississippi.

947 (jj) Gross income of public storage warehouses derived 948 from the temporary storage of raw materials that are to be used in 949 an eligible facility as defined in Section 27-7-22.35.

950 (kk) Sales of component building materials and 951 equipment for initial construction of facilities or expansion of 952 facilities as authorized under Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7 953 and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

954 (11) Sales and leases of machinery and equipment 955 acquired in the initial construction to establish facilities as 956 authorized in Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7.

957 (mm) Sales and leases of replacement hardware, software 958 or other necessary technology to operate a data center as 959 authorized under Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

960 (nn) Sales of component materials used in the 961 construction of a building, or any addition or improvement

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 38 (BS\EW) 962 thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later 963 than three (3) months after the completion of the construction of 964 the facility, to be used in the facility, to permanent business 965 enterprises operating a facility producing renewable crude oil 966 from biomass harvested or produced, in whole or in part, in 967 Mississippi, which businesses meet minimum criteria established by 968 the Mississippi Development Authority. As used in this paragraph, 969 the term "biomass" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in 970 Section 57-113-1.

971 (oo) Sales of supplies, equipment and other personal 972 property to an organization that is exempt from taxation under 973 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is the host 974 organization coordinating a professional golf tournament played or 975 to be played in this state and the supplies, equipment or other 976 personal property will be used for purposes related to the golf 977 tournament and related activities.

978 Sales of materials used in the construction of a (qq) health care industry facility, as defined in Section 57-117-3, or 979 980 any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery 981 and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion 982 of construction of the facility, or any addition thereon, to be 983 used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 984 57-117-3. This paragraph shall be repealed from and after July 1, 985 2022.

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 39 (BS\EW) 986 Sales or leases to a manufacturer of automotive (qq) 987 parts operating a project that has been certified by the 988 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as 989 defined in Section 57-75-5(f) (xxviii) of machinery and equipment; 990 or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services 991 thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal, nitrogen and natural 992 gas used directly in the manufacture of automotive parts or used 993 to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

994 (rr) Gross collections derived from guided tours on any 995 navigable waters of this state, which include providing 996 accommodations, guide services and/or related equipment operated 997 by or under the direction of the person providing the tour, for 998 the purposes of outdoor tourism. The exemption provided in this 999 paragraph (rr) does not apply to the sale of tangible personal 1000 property by a person providing such tours.

1001 (ss) Retail sales of truck-tractors and semitrailers 1002 used in interstate commerce and registered under the International 1003 Registration Plan (IRP) or any similar reciprocity agreement or 1004 compact relating to the proportional registration of commercial 1005 vehicles entered into as provided for in Section 27-19-143.

1006 (tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid 1007 Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 1008 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

1009 (uu) Sales or leases to an enterprise and its 1010 affiliates operating a project that has been certified by the

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 40 (BS\EW) 1011 Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as 1012 defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) of:

(i) All personal property and fixtures, including without limitation, sales or leases to the enterprise and its affiliates of:

Manufacturing machinery and equipment;
 Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs
 and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income
 tax purposes;

1020 3. Component building materials, machinery 1021 and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other 1022 additions or improvements to the project site for the project; 1023 Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and 4. 1024 equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server, 1025 software and other hardware equipment); and 1026 5. Fuel, supplies (other than 1027 nonmanufacturing consumable supplies and water), electricity, nitrogen gas and natural gas used directly in the 1028 1029 manufacturing/production operations of such project or used to 1030 provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas of such 1031 project; (ii) All replacements of, repair parts for or 1032

1032 (11) All replacements of, repair parts for of 1033 services to repair items described in subparagraph (i)1, 2 and 3 1034 of this paragraph; and

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 41 (BS\EW) 1035 (iii) All services taxable pursuant to Section 1036 27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or 1037 maintain such project.

1038 (vv) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a 1039 project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic 1040 Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 1041 57-75-5(f)(xxx) of:

(i) Purchases required to establish and operate the project, including, but not limited to, sales of component building materials, machinery and equipment required to establish the project facility and any additions or improvements thereon; and

(ii) Machinery, special tools (such as dies, molds, and jigs) or repair parts thereof, or replacements and lease thereof, repair services thereon, fuel, supplies and electricity, coal and natural gas used in the manufacturing process and purchased by the enterprise owning or operating the project for the benefit of the project.

(ww) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any expansion or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and/or equipment to be used therein, and sales of processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation which is not by its nature intended to be housed in a building structure, no later than three (3) months after initial startup,

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 42 (BS\EW) expansion or improvement of a permanent enterprise solely engaged in the conversion of natural sand into proppants used in oil and gas exploration and development with at least ninety-five percent (95%) of such proppants used in the production of oil and/or gas from horizontally drilled wells and/or horizontally drilled recompletion wells as defined in Sections 27-25-501 and 27-25-701.

1066 Sales of component materials used in the construction of (2)1067 a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of 1068 machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of 1069 manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is 1070 permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation 1071 and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a 1072 building structure, not later than three (3) months after the 1073 initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging 1074 in manufacturing or processing in Tier Two areas and Tier One 1075 areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 1076 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of 1077 Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this 1078 subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes 1079 imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(3) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 43 (BS\EW) addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transaction under this chapter.

1092 Sales of component materials used in the construction of (4) 1093 a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of 1094 machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the 1095 completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or 1096 improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or 1097 improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for 1098 industrial purposes in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such 1099 areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which 1100 businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being 1101 eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be 1102 exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such 1103 transactions under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, 1104 an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 1105 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive 1106 enterprise.

1107 (5) (a) For purposes of this subsection:

1108 (i) "Telecommunications enterprises" shall have 1109 the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-73-21;

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 44 (BS\EW) 1110 (ii) "Tier One areas" mean counties designated as
1111 Tier One areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

1112 (iii) "Tier Two areas" mean counties designated as 1113 Tier Two areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

1114 (iv) "Tier Three areas" mean counties designated 1115 as Tier Three areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21; and

1116 (V) "Equipment used in the deployment of broadband 1117 technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in 1118 connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior 1119 to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that 1120 is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per second in at least one (1) direction, including, but not limited 1121 1122 to, asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics 1123 1124 and related equipment.

(b) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, * * * 2025, that is installed in Tier One areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(c) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, * * * 2025, that is installed in Tier Two and Tier Three areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 45 (BS\EW) 1135 (6) Sales of component materials used in the replacement, 1136 reconstruction or repair of a building that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by 1137 the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein 1138 1139 to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result 1140 of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached 1141 1142 to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its 1143 nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to 1144 enterprises that were eligible for the partial exemptions provided 1145 for in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section during initial 1146 construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which 1147 enterprises are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the partial exemption granted in this subsection, 1148 shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such 1149 1150 transactions under this chapter.

1151 SECTION 6. Section 57-87-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1152 amended as follows:

1153 57-87-5. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Telecommunications enterprises" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-73-21(14);

(b) "Tier One areas" mean counties designated as Tier One areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21(1);

(c) "Tier Two areas" mean counties designated as Tier 1159 Two areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21(1);

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 46 (BS\EW) (d) "Tier Three areas" mean counties designated as Tier Three areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21(1); and

"Equipment used in the deployment of broadband 1162 (e) technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in 1163 1164 connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior 1165 to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that 1166 is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per second in at least one (1) direction, including, but not limited 1167 1168 to, asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line 1169 access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics 1170 and related equipment.

1171 (2) With respect to the investment in each year by a 1172 telecommunications enterprise after June 30, 2003, and before July 1173 1, * * * 2025, there shall be allowed annually as a credit against 1174 the aggregate tax imposed by Chapters 7 and 13 of Title 27, 1175 Mississippi Code of 1972, an amount equal to:

1176 (a) Five percent (5%) of the cost of equipment used in1177 the deployment of broadband technologies in Tier One areas;

(b) Ten percent (10%) of the cost of equipment used in
the deployment of broadband technologies in Tier Two areas; and
(c) Fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of equipment used
in the deployment of broadband technologies in Tier Three areas.
(3) Such annual credits shall be allowed commencing with the
taxable year in which such property is placed in service and

1184 continue for nine (9) consecutive years thereafter. The aggregate 1185 credit established by this section taken in any one (1) tax year shall be limited to an amount not greater than fifty 1186 percent (50%) of the taxpayer's tax liabilities under Chapters 7 1187 1188 and 13 of Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972; however, any tax 1189 credit claimed under this section, but not used in any taxable 1190 year, may be carried forward for ten (10) consecutive years from 1191 the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(4) The maximum aggregate amount of credits that may be claimed under this section shall not exceed the original investment made by a telecommunications enterprise in the qualifying equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies.

(5) For purposes of this section, the tier in which broadband technology is deployed shall be determined in the year in which such technology is deployed in a county and such tier shall not change if the county is later designated in another tier.

1202 (6) There will be no credit allowed under this section if
1203 the equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies was
1204 paid for, or its cost was reimbursed by, funds made available
1205 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)
1206 <u>Act.</u>

1207 SECTION 7. Section 57-87-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 1208 amended as follows:

H. B. No. 1729 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 48 (BS\EW) 1209 57-87-7. Equipment used in the deployment of broadband 1210 technologies by a telecommunications enterprise (as defined in Section 57-73-21(14)), that is placed in service after June 30, 1211 2003, and before July 1, * * * 2025, shall be exempt from ad 1212 1213 valorem taxation for a period of ten (10) years after the date 1214 such equipment is placed in service. For purposes of this section, "equipment used in the deployment of broadband 1215 1216 technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in 1217 connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior 1218 to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that 1219 is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per second in at least one direction, including, but not limited to, 1220 1221 asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line 1222 access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics 1223 and related equipment.

1224 SECTION 8. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for 1225 1226 taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws before the date on 1227 which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, 1228 assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the 1229 date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; 1230 and the provisions of the income tax laws are expressly continued 1231 in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the 1232 assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due 1233 or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before

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H. B. No. 1729 20/HR31/R2295SG PAGE 49 (BS\EW) 1234 the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the 1235 imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to 1236 comply with such laws.

1237 SECTION 9. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect 1238 and be in force from and after January 1, 2020, and the remaining 1239 sections of this act shall take effect and be in force from and 1240 after July 1, 2020.