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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2400

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-63-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ALLOW A COURT TO AWARD ATTORNEY'S FEES TO CERTAIN PREVAILING
3 PARTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 11-63-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 11-63-1. (1) In this section, "foreign law" means any law,
8 rule, legal code or legal system other than the constitution, laws
9 and ratified treaties of the United States and the territories of
10 the United States, the constitution and laws of another state of
11 the United States, Native American tribal law, the Mississippi
12 Constitution of 1890, and the laws of this state.

13 (2) A court, arbitrator, administrative agency or other
14 adjudicative, mediation or enforcement authority shall not enforce
15 a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed to a
16 natural person by the United States Constitution or the
17 Mississippi Constitution of 1890.



18 (3) The court may award to the party opposing recognition or
19 enforcement of foreign law a reasonable attorney's fee if the
20 party prevails in the action or proceeding.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2016.

