

By: Senator(s) Burton, Carmichael

To: Veterans and Military Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2372

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD TO
2 ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A MISSISSIPPI PERSIAN GULF WAR
3 MEMORIAL IN NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE
4 VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AID AND ANY GIFTS,
5 CONTRIBUTIONS, BEQUESTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE
6 AND MAINTAIN SUCH MEMORIAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The State Veterans Affairs Board is authorized to
9 establish, operate and maintain a Persian Gulf War Memorial in
10 this state, which shall be known as the "Mississippi Persian Gulf
11 War Memorial."

12 (2) The Persian Gulf War Memorial shall be located next to
13 the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Newton County,
14 Mississippi, and shall be under the control and administration of
15 the State Veterans Affairs Board.

16 (3) The State Veterans Affairs Board is designated as the
17 agency of this state to receive federal aid under Title 38 USC, as
18 amended, and is authorized to receive funds from the United States
19 Department of Veterans Affairs or any other agency of the United
20 States authorized to grant or expend funds to assist a state in
21 establishing, operating and maintaining a Persian Gulf War
22 Memorial. The board is authorized to receive gifts,
23 contributions, bequests and individual reimbursements from any
24 source, the receipt of which shall not exclude any other source of
25 revenue. All funds received by the board pursuant to this
26 subsection shall be expended to establish, operate and maintain a
27 Persian Gulf War Memorial in this state. The State Veterans
28 Affairs Board is authorized to employ such personnel as it may



29 deem necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under
30 this section.

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

