

MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The 2022 Regular Legislative Session

The Thirteenth week of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriations and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed has passed.

NOTE: Due to longstanding negotiations regarding Appropriations and Revenue bills the Mississippi Legislature exercised a “rule suspension” to introduce a legislative resolution to extend the 2022 Regular Legislation Session. The resolution filed was **House Concurrent Resolution 89 (HCR-89)**. The 2022 Regular Legislative Session will now be extended beyond its regular calendar schedule of deadlines and action taken to SINE DIE will be at the sole discretion of the Mississippi legislative body.

House Bill 451 Amended in Conference Committee to Provide Residual Funding/Assistance for Rural Fire Truck and the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act

On Thursday, March 31st, the House and Senate conferees negotiation on **House Bill 451** came to an agreement and filed a conference report that would provide funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program and the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Act by way of a “fee diversion” from the “Non-Admitted Policy Fee” that’s provided by insurance surplus lines. The way the revenue is structured is as follow:

- **\$500,000.00** generated from this fee diversion shall fund the newly created Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund. This fund is to assist local governments with the mandated costs associated with First Responders Health and Safety Act of 2019.
- **\$3,500,000.00** generated from this fee diversion shall fund the Rural Fire Truck Fund

Deal Reached for Purchasing Threshold Measure

On Wednesday, March 30th, The House and Senate chambers adopted **Senate Bill 2371**. Now that this measure is adopted, it will now head to the Governor for consideration. As a reminder, this measure increases from 50k to 75k for purchases from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided that at least two competitive bids have been obtained.

Negotiations Continue on Appropriations/Revenue and ARPA Legislation

As a reminder, with the rule suspension being in place by way of HCR-89, appropriations, revenue, and ARPA legislation was revived and made active again for continued negotiations. Please continue to contact your local legislative delegation regarding full funding of the homestead exemption reimbursement at \$90.6 million (Senate Bill 3024), Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Funding (ERBR), and support for state ARPA funding. MAS will update the membership on the status of such bills in the final MAS Legislative Summary.

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MAS 2022 Spring Regional Meetings

SOUTHWEST PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAS Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Hosted By: Southwest PDD

Location: Natchez Grand Hotel

Address: **111 Broadway Street, Natchez, MS 39120**

Phone: 601.446.6044

SOUTHERN MS PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 5, 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MAS Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Hosted By: SMPDD

Location: Southern Oaks

Address: **1246 Richburg Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39402**

Phone: 228.868.2311

NORTH CENTRAL PDD REGION:

Wednesday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAS Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Hosted By: North Central PDD

Location: NCPDD

Address: **28 Industrial Park Blvd., Winona, MS 38967**

Phone: 662.283.2675

NORTH DELTA PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAS Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Hosted By: North Delta PDD

Location: NDPDD Office

Address: **220 Power Dr., Batesville, MS 38606**

Phone: 662.561.4100

NORTHEAST PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 12, 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MAS Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Hosted By: Northeast PDD

Location: Market 105

Address: **118 West College Street, Booneville, MS 38829**

Phone: 662.728.6248

THREE RIVERS PDD REGION:

Wednesday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAS Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Hosted By: Three Rivers PDD

Location: First Choice Gateway Pavilion

Address: **139 W Reynolds Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863**

Phone: 662.489.2415

GOLDEN TRIANGLE PDD REGION:

Wednesday, April 13, 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MAS Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Hosted By: Golden Triangle PDD

Location: GTPDD office

Address: **106 Miley Drive, Starkville, MS 39759**

Phone: 662.324.7860

MAS 2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The MAS 2022 Annual Convention is scheduled for **June 13 - June 16, 2022**. Meeting will be held at the MS Coast Convention Center located at 2350 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39531. If you have not registered, please fill out the county registration form. Early bird registration rate for members ends Wednesday, April 12, 2022. Click [HERE](#) for county registration form.