

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

(ALERT)

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REMOVES LOTTERY REVENUE FROM WEIGHT LIMIT BILL (SENATE BILL 2825)

On Tuesday, March 2nd, the House Transportation Committee amended [Senate Bill 2825](#) from its original form. One of the amending actions taken was to remove the lottery revenue from going into the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF). The increase in the hauling weight limit is still in the bill.

Please contact your HOUSE DELEGATION and request that they OPPOSE [Senate Bill 2825](#), because it currently does not have any money to support the proposed weight limit increase. (NOTE: This measure currently resides on the House Floor Calendar).

IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ITEMS THAT SURVIVED THIS WEEK'S DEADLINE

[Senate Bill 2189 & House Bill 493](#): Allows counties & cities the discretion to offer their Medicare eligible employees the option to transition from the county health benefits over to Medicare.

[Senate Bill 2062 & Senate Bill 2602](#): Support for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program.

[Senate Bill 2336](#): Delays the mandated implementation of the First Responder Health and Safety Act until year 2023. Without the delay, or state funding, counties and cities will be soon faced with an expensive unfunded mandate.

[House Bill 520](#): Allows both counties and municipalities to utilize the "Use Tax" diversion that they receive to pledge to pay all or a portion of debt service on debt issued by a county or municipality for purposes of repair, maintenance, and/or reconstruction of roads, streets, and bridges.

[House Bill 74](#): Extends the repealer for the Emergency 911 Operation Code Section.

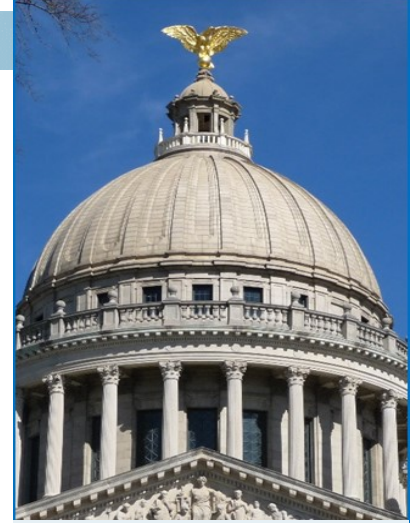
(CALLS STILL NEEDED)

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT (SENATE BILL 2923)

This measure is currently residing in the House Appropriations Committee. Section 8 of [Senate Bill 2923](#) makes an appropriation of \$77,038,135.00. This line-item appropriation represents a \$1.9 million cut from last year's appropriation of \$79,013,472.00. Counties need an appropriation of \$88.7 million to be fully reimbursed. Please contact your local HOUSE delegation and ask that the homestead exemption be fully funded at \$88.7 million.

THE THIRD OF FIVE COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE & EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS SOUTHERN MS PDD MARCH 3, 2021.

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021 the [Southern MS Planning and Development District counties](#) are scheduled to meet at the Hilton Hotel for the MAS legislative and educational regional meeting. Please visit the MAS website www.mssupervisors.org to view the tentative agenda for that day or click [HERE](#) to view tentative agenda.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m.

The Ninth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendment originating in other house is Wednesday, March 10th.

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