

MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The 2022 Regular Legislative Session

The Eighth week of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house is Tuesday, March 1st.

Senate Chamber Passes \$300 Million Appropriation for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) (Senate Bill 3167)

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the Mississippi Senate Chamber passed Senate Bill 3167 of **52 to 0**. Senate Bill 3167 makes an appropriation of \$300,000,000.00 from the state capital expense fund for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

NOTE: This measure will now head to the House Chamber for consideration.

Senate Tax Relief Legislation “Officially” Introduced (Senate Bill 3164)

On Wednesday, February 23th, the Senate Chamber passed Senate Bill 3164 by a vote of **40 to 11**. As a reminder, the primary gist of this measure covers four (4) key components. They are as follows:

- Phasing out the 4% state income tax bracket over a four-year period.
- Reducing the state grocery tax from 7% to 5% starting in July.
- Providing up to a 5% one-time income tax rebate in 2022 for those who paid taxes.
- Eliminating the state fee on car tags going into the state general fund.

NOTE: This measure will now head to the House Chamber for consideration.

House Workforce Development Committee Passes Purchasing Threshold Measure (Senate Bill 2371)

On Tuesday, February 22nd, the House Workforce Development Committee passed out Senate Bill 2371. As a reminder, Senate Bill 2371 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.

NOTE: This measure will now head to the House Floor for consideration.

Senate Chamber Passes out Bond Bills (Senate Bill 2983 and Senate Bill 3153)

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the Senate Chamber passed Senate Bill 2983 by a vote of **50 to 2**. The Senate Chamber also passed Senate Bill 3153 by a vote of **49 to 3**. Senate Bill 2983 addresses the issuance of bonds for various programs under the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). Senate Bill 3153 addresses the issuance of bonds that assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements.

NOTE: Both measures will now head to the House Chamber for consideration.

Reminder: The MS Medical Cannabis Act is in Effect Time Clock to Opt Out has Begun

On Wednesday, February 2nd, Governor Tate Reeves signed Senate Bill 2095 (The MS Medical Cannabis Act) into law. This law was effective immediately upon passage. With that being stated, the timetable to opt out is within 90 days from the bill being signed into law on February 2, 2022. We strongly encourage each county board of supervisors to meet with their board attorney to further read and analyze Senate Bill 2095. Section 30 of this measure contains the opt out provision.

House and Senate will reconvene on Monday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us next Friday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly legislative Zoom call.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3852299667>

Or Call in at: 888.788.0099

Meeting Id Number: 385 229 9667

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