

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

(ALERT) MAJOR WEIGHT LIMIT MEASURE INTRODUCED, SENATE BILL 2825)

On Monday January 18th, [Senate Bill 2825](#) was introduced. This measure creates the Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021. This measure addresses a variety of issues. Below are key provisions that counties should make aware.

Section 2 of this law introduces an appointed committee that will establish a plan to transfer MDOT's Enforcement Division to the Motor Carrier Division of the MS Highway Safety Patrol under the Department of Public Safety

Section 6 increases the [Harvest Permit](#) weight limit from 84,000 lbs. to 88,000 lbs.

Section 8 increases the annual highway privilege tax on vehicles from \$1,350.00 to \$1,875.00. In addition, the licensed weight changes from 80,000 lbs. to 84,000 lbs. and from and after July 1, 2023 the licensed weight changes from 84,000 lbs. to 88,000 lbs.

Section 9 addresses the new fines and suspensions for violating and exceeding the newly established weight limits.

Section 10 issue bonds up to \$150 million to be placed in the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund.

MAS CONCERN: This bill provides for a short term (2) two-year funding, and the weight limit increase will be a long term indefinite issue. We understand that having excellent and good infrastructure conditions could yield increasing the weight limits and that could have a positive impact on the state's economy regarding the hauling industry, unfortunately the current status of Mississippi's infrastructure system does not yield an excellent/good condition. Below are statistics that represent the latest numbers we have received. Please have a conversation with your local legislative delegation regarding Senate Bill 2825 and utilize the statistics below to aid in your conversation. (*Senate Bill 2825 is currently assigned to the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee. Currently, no action has been taken on it.*) (*Senate Bill 2825 is currently assigned to the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee. Currently, no action has been taken on it.*)

Infrastructure Stats

Total # of County Bridges: 10,598

Total # of Posted Bridges: 1,784

Total # of Closed Bridges: 375

Total # of State Aid (SA) Bridges: 5,301

Total # of SA Posted Bridges: 921

Total # of SA Closed Bridges: 113

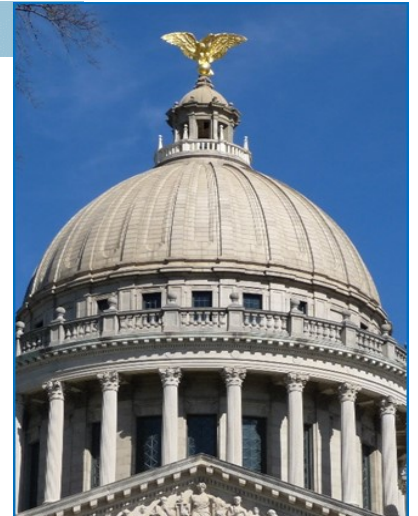
(NOTE: The above statistics are subject to change on a weekly basis as inspection information is submitted to the state.)

IDENTICAL SUPERVISORS PAY ADJUSTMENT BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE & SENATE CHAMBER.

[House Bill 1155](#) & [Senate Bill 2826](#) (Note: No Action Currently Taken)

COVID OUTBREAK FORCES LEGISLATURE TO LIVE STREAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

On Thursday January 21st, certain members of the MS House of Representatives and Senate were diagnosed with COVID-19. To avoid more spread, both chambers will implement a live streaming method that will allow committee members to call into their committee meetings via the video phone app ZOOM. These meetings will be accessible to the public on the Mississippi Legislature website.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, January 25 at 4:00 p.m.

The Third week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The Deadline introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Tuesday, February 2, 2021

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2021 Annual Convention

The 2021 Annual Convention will be at the MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center June 14—17, 2021.

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