

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

(ALERT) SENATE CHAMBER PASSES THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT OF 2021 (SENATE BILL 2825)

On Thursday, February 11th, the Senate chamber passed [Senate Bill 2825](#), the Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021 ([Weight Limit Increase Measure](#)) by a vote of 32 to 15. This bill was amended on the floor to include a 3-year diversion of the lottery proceeds to the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF). That three-year diversion will total \$240 million dollars for counties and municipalities only. The new weight limit increases will go into effect in year 2023. This bill increases the weight limit of the harvest permit from 84k pounds to 88k pounds.

(NOTE: This measure will now head to the House chamber for consideration)

ADDITIONAL NOTE: MAS opposes the weight limit increase included in this bill, and we would like to encourage all counties to begin calling your House delegation and explain why you would be against the bill and how such a weight increase could negatively impact your county roads and bridges.

HOUSE CHAMBER PASSES REVERSE AUCTION MEASURE (HOUSE BILL 842)

On Thursday, February 11th, House chamber passed [House Bill 842](#) by a vote of 109 to 8. This measure will give local governing authorities the option to choose to utilize the reverse auction method or not.

(NOTE: This measure will not head to the Senate chamber for consideration)

SENATE CHAMBER PASSES RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING MEASURE (SENATE BILL 2602)

On Tuesday February 9th, the Senate chamber passed [Senate Bill 2602](#) by a vote of 42 to 6. This measure will divert \$5 million of the non-admitted policy fee from the state insurance surplus lines into the Rural Fire Truck Fund.

(NOTE: This measure will now head to the House chamber for consideration.)

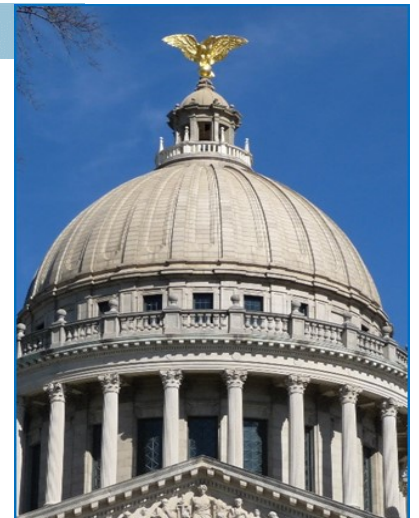
COUNTY SAVINGS MEASURE PASSES SENATE CHAMBER (MEDICARE IN-LIEU) (SENATE BILL 2189)

On Thursday February 4th, the Senate chamber passed [Senate Bill 2189](#) by a vote of 49 to 0. This measure allows counties & cities the discretion to offer their Medicare eligible employees the option to transition from the county health benefits over to Medicare.

(NOTE: This measure will now head to the House chamber for consideration)

THE FIRST OF FIVE COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE & EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS BEGINS FEBRUARY 24TH, 2021.

On February 24th, the [Northeast and Three Rivers 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, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.

The Sixth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for original Floor Action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house is Wednesday, February 24th.

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