

**2021 LEGISLATIVE BILL SUMMARY
MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

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2021 Mississippi Legislative Session - Department of Insurance – Legislative Summary

General:

<p>HB 1263 - Occupational licensing; provide for recognition of out-of-state licenses if applicants satisfy certain conditions.</p>	<p>Approved: 3/25/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>The Mississippi Occupational Licensing Boards shall issue a License to an applicant who establishes residence in this State if the applicant holds a current license in good standing from another state, has been licensed by the other state for at least one year and satisfies certain other conditions. The Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Board and the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board are subject to this Bill.</p>
<p>SB 2062 - Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.</p>	<p>Approved: 4/16/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>Amends § 17-23-1 to authorize a 14th Round under the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program (RFTAAP). This bill did not provide any additional funding for RFTAAP.</p>
<p>SB 2332 - Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program; extend repealer on development and implementation of program.</p>	<p>Approved: 3/17/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>Amends § 83-1-191 to extend the repealer on the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program to July 1, 2025.</p>
<p>SB 2336 - MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; delay effective date of.</p>	<p>Approved: 3/17/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>Amends § 25-15-409 to revise the date by which the State, municipality, county or fire protection district must show proof of insurance coverage that meets the requirements of the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Act to January 1, 2024. Also amends the effective date of the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Act to July 1, 2023. No funding was provided in the bill.</p>

Health:

<p>SB 2189 - .Counties and municipalities; authorize to offer Medicare-eligible employees supplemental compensation if employees secure Medicare.</p>	<p>Approved: 3/18/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>Amends § 25-15-103 to provide that counties and municipalities may offer any Medicare eligible county employee supplemental compensation if the employee chooses to secure Medicare coverage in lieu of participating in any county medical or health insurance program.</p>
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Property and Casualty:

<p>HB 746 – Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; revise regarding warranty reimbursement.</p>	<p>Approved: 3/16/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>Amends §§ 63-17-55 and 64-17-85 and creates § 63-17-86.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 63-17-55 is amended to revise and add certain definitions for the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law. • Section 64-17-85 is amended to revise the reasons for which the Motor Vehicle Commission may reject or accept a license. • Section 63-17-86 is created to establish the obligations of manufacturers, distributors and motor vehicle dealers and establishment of rates for parts and labor when used in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law.
<p>SB 2603- Salvage or abandoned vehicles; authorize disposition by auction firms on behalf of insurers.</p>	<p>Approved: 3/17/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021</p>	<p>Amends § 83-11-551 to authorize an insurer to direct an auction firm or automotive dismantler to release a vehicle to the vehicle’s owner or lienholder when the insurer does not take ownership of the vehicle; to require that notice is to be provided to the owner and lienholder that the vehicle is available for pick up; and to provide for a lien-free salvage certificate of title or a parts-only certificate of title to an auction firm or automotive dismantler if the owner or lienholder does not pick up the vehicle within 30 days of notice.</p>

Appropriation:

HB 106 - State budget; revise provisions in several FY21 appropriation bills.	Approved: 3/22/2021 Effective: 3/22/2021	Section 6 of HB 106 creates a Special Fund, State Fire Academy Workforce Program Fund, which shall consist of monies made available by the Legislature and monies received by the State Fire Academy for Workforce Programs. Enables the SFA to work with Community Colleges on workforce.
HB 109 – State budget; enact and revise various provisions relating to.	Approve: 4/19/2021 Effective: 4/19/2021	Bill includes the creation of the “Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan of 2021”, and provides that monies in said fund shall only be appropriated through act of the Legislature.
HB 1379 – Appropriation, Department of Insurance.	Approve: 4/16/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021	\$11.7M appropriation to the Department of Insurance. Bill includes \$2M for RFTAAP; \$2.8M reappropriated for REFTAAP; and \$50,000 for the purchase of smoke alarms.
HB 1379 – Appropriation, State Fire Academy.	Approve: 4/6/2021 Effective: 7/1/2021	\$5M appropriation to the State Fire Academy. Bill includes \$84,500 for an Airport Rescuer Crash Truck, and an additional \$220,000 to defray expenses for the completion of a dormitory at the SFA.