

2023 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ HB 419

- ✈ Appropriation of \$21MM in COVID funding for “Destination Marketing Organizations” to promote travel destinations in Mississippi
 - ✈ Amount available to each DMO is based on:
 - ✈ Percentage of total tourists brought to the state in 2019
 - ✈ Amount expended on marketing activities in 2019
 - ✈ Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ HB 770

- ✈ Recreates the Mississippi Technology Transfer Office as the Mississippi Office of Space and Technology to be administered by the Mississippi Development Authority
- ✈ Main purpose is to “encourage and facilitate collaboration among state and local governments, universities, the private sector, particularly small business, and the NASA Stennis Space Center and other federal laboratories in order to assist in the transfer of science and technology to the marketplace”

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ HB 1025

- ✈ Modifies Airport Authority Surplus Property Statute (MISS. CODE ANN. §61-3-19) to provide that an Airport Authority may dispose of personal property in any manner it sees fit if the Authority determines on its minutes that the property has no fair market value
- ✈ Does not apply to municipal, county or other airports operated under the Municipal Airport Law (MISS. CODE ANN. §61-5-1 *et seq.*)
- ✈ No commissioner or employee of the Authority may benefit from the disposal

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ SB 2102

- ✈ Revises “Call 811” / “Mississippi One-Call” minimum prior notice for excavation from two working days to three working days
- ✈ Does not apply to an “emergency excavation” which means excavation at a time of emergency in which there is imminent danger to life, health or property or a customer service outage

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ SB 2146

✈ Creates the Uncrewed Aircraft Systems' Rights and Authorities Act

✈ Prohibits additional regulation of drones operated in accordance with federal law for personal or business purposes

✈ Prohibits local drone registration requirements

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ SB 2444

- ✈ Continues the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program
 - ✈ Authorizes \$1,000 in additional pay to firefighters and law enforcement employed as of July 1, 2022
 - ✈ Individuals that previously received additional pay under the program are limited to a total of \$1,000
 - ✈ Administered by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ SB 2559

- ✈ Creates the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund as a supplement to the existing Multi-Modal Investment Fund
- ✈ The initial funding of \$30 million is to be split among rails, ports and airports
- ✈ The definition of “qualified airport project” is broader than for AIP, but less broad than legacy Multi-Modal
- ✈ The Mississippi Department of Transportation will allocate funds based on competitive grant applications with the advice of an Advisory Board which includes, among others, the Presidents/Executive Directors of MAA, the Mississippi Railroad Association, the Ports Council, the Mississippi Economic Council and the Mississippi Manufacturers Association

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ SB 2728

- ✈ Authorizes the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services to enter into state-wide master agreements that governing authorities may piggyback

2023 Legislation of Interest

✈ SB 2853

- ✈ Requires any drones or other unmanned aircraft acquired by the state or a political subdivision of the state to be manufactured in the USA by a company majority-owned by American citizens
- ✈ Provides a 10% bid preference for drones manufactured by manufacturing firms operating in Mississippi
- ✈ Bill was effective July 1, 2023, except the “Made in USA” requirement which is effective January 1, 2025

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2024 Legislative Information

- Legislature convenes at 12:00 noon on January 2, 2024 (125-day session)
- Sine Die May 5, 2024

2024 Legislative Information

- Key Deadlines
- As a result of the extra 35 days in this session, deadlines are slightly more relaxed than short in sessions:
 - Introduction of bills originating in own house – February 14, 2024
 - Committee reports on bills originating in own house – March 5, 2024
 - Floor action on bills originating in own house – March 14, 2024
 - Deadline for floor actions on revenue and appropriations bills originating in own house – March 27, 2024
 - Committee reports on bills originating in other house – April 2, 2024
 - Floor action on bills originating in other house – April 10, 2024
 - Deadline for floor actions on revenue and appropriations bills originating in other house – April 18, 2024

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