

GOVERNOR

Bills Approved by Governor

Bill:	Author:	Description:	Notes:
HB 19	Frierson; Arnold, Turner	Appropriation; Wireless Communication Commission; Additional 2013.	MS Code 65-37-13 provides that \$20 million dollars to be appropriated from the State General Fund into the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Fund if General Fund revenues for the succeeding years for which appropriations are made reflects a growth in General Fund revenues of two percent (2%) or more. This bill funded the Local System Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation Fund; provided \$2.5 deficit appropriations for the Wireless Communication Commission, \$22 million appropriation for the MAGIC project, and \$2m for MDA (Grammy museum).
HB 90	Gipson	Commercial Driver's License Act; revise to clarify one year disqualification requirement.	Allows for the suspension of Commercial Drivers License for one year based on an administrative finding of a violation of law concerning operation of a commercial vehicle.
HB 129	Formby	State Port Authority; extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.	Amended MS Code 59-5-37 to extend the authority of the State Port at Gulfport to use the "design-build method of contracting" until July 1, 2016.
HB 181	Shows	MS Highway 29; designate segment in City of Ellisville as "Wyonie 'Sonny' Patterson" Memorial Highway."	Designated segment of MS Hwy 29 in the City of Ellisville as "Wyonie 'Sonny' Patterson" Memorial Highway.
HB 225	Flaggs	"MS Hwy. Patrol Fallen Officer's Memorial Highway Act;" enact to designate certain public roadways in honor of.	Created the "MS Hwy Patrol Fallen Officer's Memorial Highway Act" to honor those MHP Officers who have fallen in the line of duty and authorizes MDOT and DPS to work together to designate these areas of the public roadway.
HB 261	Johnson	Transportation; remove certain restrictions on design-build projects of the MS Transportation Commission.	Removed certain restrictions on MDOT Design Build projects allowing more projects to qualify for this method; Amends existing statute to allow 2 Design Build projects under \$10 million, 1 over \$10 million. Previous statute allowed 2 under \$10 million, 1 over \$50 million. This amendment removes the gap.
HB 276	Warren	Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for various purposes.	The bill consolidated numerous distinctive tag bills previously introduced during the Legislative Session into one bill. MDOT will receive \$2.00 in additional fees from most of these distinctive tags to go to State Highway Fund.

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HB 373	Johnson	MTC; revise paid educational leave program to a stipend program for students agreeing to work as civil engineer for at least two years.	Revised the paid educational leave program to allow MDOT to defray tuition and related costs for qualified engineering students at MS Universities in return for their commitment to work for MDOT for at least two years.
HB 436	Johnson	MTC; authorize to receive and expend SASHTO scholarship funds for transportation studies.	Authorizes the Transportation Commission to receive funds from SASHTO and other non-state sources to provide transportation related scholarships. The bill was amended to include language to allow agencies that displace property owners for public use to make fair and reasonable relocation payments not to exceed the maximum amount established by applicable federal regulations.
HB 478	Gunn	MS Accountability and Transparency Act; require detailed description of expenditures of bond proceeds on website.	This bill expands Transparency (MATA) reporting by requiring that beginning July 1, 2014, expenditures of bond proceeds and information relating to debt service and status of the projects funded by the bonds. This bill also brings forward the definition section of MATA. MDOT currently has GO Bonds and HELP Bonds that would be impacted by this bill; however, MDOT ties its expenditures to bond proceeds in FMS so it would just be a matter of reporting this information to DFA so that it is posted to MATA.
HB 480	Gunn	State agencies and officials; require to regularly update information on their websites to ensure that it is current.	Requires agencies that have a public facing website to review the content on a not less than monthly basis.
HB 481	Gunn	DUI; revise use of ignition interlock device.	Revised DUI laws to require interlock devices for DUI offenders and allow for non-adjudication in certain instances - could prove problematic for MDOT due to federal funding requirements - awaiting a ruling by NHTSA.
HB 485	Baker	MS Public Records Act; exempt weapon permit information.	Exempts conceal weapon permit information from the public records act.
HB 488	Reynolds	State-funded buildings; require that rating systems used for shall only use certain certificate credits for forest products.	Buildings constructed or renovated after January 1, 2012 and above 5000 gross square feet or a renovation project involving more the 50% of the replacement value are subject to this act.
HB 502	Turner	Public purchasing; require state agency purchasing offices to have all purchasing officials certified.	Amends 031-0007-0001 and 031-0007-0009 to change the requirements for a Certified Purchasing Office to not only have 50% of staff certified through UPPCC but also 100% of purchasing staff to hold a certification from the State of Mississippi's Basic or Advanced Purchasing Certification Program as regulated by DFA's OPTFM in which they will set fees to recover costs to administer the program. This certification program will not only affect Certified Purchasing Offices but all purchasing offices at State Agencies. MDOT is currently a Certified Purchasing Office and would have to meet these new requirements in order to maintain our certification.
HB 517	Sullivan	Mississippi Highway 15; designate certain bridge in Chickasaw County as the "Representative William E. 'Billy' Bowles Memorial Bridge."	Designates the bridge on MS Hwy 15 in Chickasaw County within the City of Houston at the intersection of MS Hwy 8 as the "Representative William E. 'Billy' Bowles Memorial Bridge".
HB 702	DeBar	MS Highway 63; designate segment of in Greene County as "Senator George Cecil McLeod, Jr., Memorial Highway."	Designated a segment of MS Hwy 63 in Greene County as "Senator George Cecil McLeod, Jr." Memorial Highway.
HB 738	Nelson	Scenic byways; designate certain segments as "Delta Bluffs Scenic Byway."	Created the "Delta Bluffs Scenic Byway".

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HB 750	Monsour	County port and harbor commissions; require appointments made by board of supervisors to occur at beginning of term.	Created the "Representative Jessica S. Upshaw Memorial Act" and revised the number of harbor commissioners to three (3) members from the three (3) municipalities of the county.
HB 757	Evans (91st)	U.S. Highway 184; designate segment of in Lawrence County as "Lawrence County Veterans Highway."	Designated a segment of US Hwy 184 in Lawrence County as Lawrence County Veterans Highway".
HB 799	Staples	Memorial Highways; designate certain as "Congressional Medal of Honor Winner" when appropriate.	Designated certain portions of the highways as "Congressional Medal of Honor Winner" Memorial Highways when appropriate.
HB 817	Baker	Elevators; enact the Mississippi Conveyance Safety Act.	This bill requires the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate regulations for elevator equipment, fees, and licenses and establishes qualifications for elevator contractors, elevator mechanics, and elevator inspectors. MDOT will be required to verify that inspectors of our elevators are in compliance with this act and that elevator companies constructing new elevators are in compliance.
HB 844	Smith (39th)	Sales taxation; exempt sales of power or fuel to certain enterprises for industrial purposes.	Exempts fuel used to operate railroad locomotives from sales taxes. MDOT received approximately \$168,000 from these taxes as a pass-through to other entities in FY 2012.
HB 901	Frierson	State funds; transfer certain to BCF, and create Local Governments Emergency Communications Equipment Loan Program.	This bill will transfer monies to the Budget Contingency Fund from the Treasurer's Office - Unclaimed Property Fund and create a Local Governments Emergency Communications Loan Program.
HB 922	Formby	"High economic benefit project"; extend repealer on exemption of certain highway projects from definition of.	This act will extend the repealer date on the section that exempts Hwy 348 from the definition of "High Economic Benefit Project" from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2016.
HB 964	Frierson	State-issued credit cards; prohibit sellers from imposing a surcharge on buyers for using.	Revises 031-0007-0009 to state that in the sale of goods or services, the seller shall not impose a surcharge on a buyer who uses a state-issued credit card, procurement card, travel card or fuel card. DFA will enforce and adopt rules relating to this paragraph which shall be consistent with federal laws governing credit card transactions.
HB 1049	Smith (39th)	Bonds; remove the authorization for the issuance of certain state general obligation bonds.	This bill removes the authorization for the issuance of certain state general obligation bonds. The Committee Substitute version of this bill deleted the sections that would have removed authorization for several bond authorization bills involving MDOT projects. No effect on MDOT in this version of the bill.
HB 1132	Turner	Department of ITS; may charge vendors a fee to recover cost of providing procurement services.	Allows ITS to charge a fee to vendors who sell IT equipment and services to the state to offset the overhead involved in the process. The fee is expected to be 0.5% of a vendors gross sales to the state (about \$91 M this past year.) This is positive for MDOT because it would allow ITS to hire more procurement specialists and our projects would not languish in the ITS project queue for extended periods of time.
HB 1174	Currie	Retirement; exclude value of non cash maintenance furnished to PERS members for retirement purposes.	Excludes non-cash maintenance earned by an employee, such as vehicles for commuting, shall not be included in calculation toward retirement except that performance-based incentive payments were added to the exceptions list. This will have limited, if any, impact on MDOT or its employees.
HB 1212	Lamar	Law enforcement; provide for electronic citations for certain offenses.	Law enforcement; provide for electronic citations for certain offenses. Provides for a fee to be assessed on traffic citations to offset e-citation implementation.

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HB 1243	Dixon	State agencies; require to provide annual legislative update informational session for the public about new legislation.	Requires each agency to publish on its website all legislation passed during the Legislative Session that revised the powers and duties of the agency; there must be a summary of the changes; a section for the public to make comment; and a contact for the public to make inquiries to regarding the changes within 60 days of the end of the Legislative Session and shall remain on the agency's website until January 1st of the following year.
HB 1258	Johnson	Public property; authorize Transportation Commission to donate certain to City of Canton and revise state highway system accordingly.	Authorizes the Transportation Commission to 'swap' routes in Madison County by transferring SR 16 in Canton between U.S. 51 and SR 43 to the City of Canton and adding the new roadway between U.S. 51 and SR 43 (Canton Bypass) to the State Highway System.
HB 1265	Weathersby	State agencies and departments; require to file report with DFA of all transactions for conveyances of real property.	This bill requires agencies to file a report of transactions for all conveyances of real property, whether purchased, sold, leased, donated, or acquired as a gift or through the process of eminent domain, to DFA.
HB 1266	Cockerham	Energy; modify and update energy code under which DFA designs and constructs projects.	Each major facility project shall be designed and constructed to meet or exceed the requirements of ASHRAE 90.1-2010 or any more stringent code adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building. ASHRAE is the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers. After July 1, 2013, new building projects greater than 5000 gross square feet or renovations which involve more than 50% of the replacement value of the building would be required to meet this standard. The 30% provision is removed and replaced with the standard. Some existing building plans may have to be revised to comply with the new standard. We are already using a commissioning agent to ensure compliance with applicable building standards.



Highway 463 Bridge Ribbon Cutting, Madison County, June 15, 2012

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HB 1281	Cockerham	Energy efficiency standards; revise for commercial buildings.	The bill provides that buildings will have to be designed and constructed in accordance with the energy efficiency standards additionally, some renovations will have to comply. In Section 1: The board, in consultation with other 9 appropriate professional groups and organizations, and others 10 knowledgeable in the subject, shall * * * review, amend and adopt, in accordance with Standard 90.1-2010 of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, energy code standards for building construction, standards for computer-based energy management systems, standards for systems for cogeneration of heating, cooling and electricity, and standards for design to use passive solar energy concepts, in order to promote the efficient use of energy. (The proposed change calls out the ASHRAE standard specifically.)
HB 1293	Weathersby; Turner	Public purchasing; limit exemption from bidding for purchases of prison industry products to purchases by Dept. of Corrections.	The bill revises MS Code Section 31-7-13, changing the exception on bidding requirements for purchases of prison industry products to apply only to the Dept of Corrections and not for all state agencies.
HB 1296	Cockerham	Energy Sustainability and Development Act; create	Codifies MDA's Energy and Natural Resource Division which will work to promote Mississippi as a leader in energy development, job creation, and research. In addition, mandates that state agencies work with MDA and DFA to development energy management plans and report usage in order to lower costs and conserve energy.
HB 1326	Barton	Counties, municipalities and state agencies; authorize to bear cost of processing electronic payments for retail sales by.	This will require MDOT to pay for transaction fees as a result of electronic processing.
HB 1538	Scott	Memorial highway; designate segment of Interstate 59 in City of Laurel as the "Arwillla Huff Davison Memorial Highway".	Designated a segment of Interstate 59 in the City of Laurel as the "Arwillla Huff Davison Memorial Highway".



Route 9 Ribbon Cutting, Lee County, August 16, 2012

Bill:	Author:	Description:	Notes:
HB 1550	Johnson	Memorial bridge; designate certain bridge in Adams County as "Veterans Memorial Bridge".	Designates the flyover bridge at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 61 and Devereaux Drive in the City of Natchez in Adams County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge".
HB 1647	Frierson; Johnson, Coleman (29th), Banks, Barker, Beckett, DeLano, Eaton, Shows	Appropriation; Transportation, Department of	MDOT's FY 2014 Appropriations in the amount of \$904,700,00.00.
SB 2039	Ward	Memorial highway; designate a portion of MS 25 and MS 15 in Louisville as "Blue Star Memorial Highway."	Designated a portion of MS 25 and MS 15 in Louisville as "Blue Star Memorial Highway".
SB 2040	Collins	Memorial highways; designate Mississippi Highway 6 in Lee County as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart Highway."	Designated MS Hwy 6 in Lee County as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart Highway".
SB 2042	Jackson (15th)	Scenic byway; create the "Noxubee Hills Route."	Created the "Noxubee Hills Route Scenic Byway".
SB 2070	Blount	Notice of state agency meetings; shall be published on the DFA Transparency website.	Any regular meeting held by a state agency, other than a legislative committee, shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration at least twenty-four hours before the meeting in order to be posted on the department's searchable website created by the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act. The notice of the meeting shall include: the place, date, hour, and subject matter of any recess meeting.
SB 2073	Carmichael; Burton	Certified purchasing offices; revise decision procedure for the best value calculation.	The bill amends MS Code Section 31-7-13 to say that when a Certified Purchasing Office evaluates best value calculations for purchases, the provision that a bidder has a local office and inventory located within the governing authority may be included in the calculation. Since MDOT Procurement is a Certified Purchasing Office, this bill will give us more leverage in evaluating potential bid proposals.
SB 2418	Blount	Perry County property; MS Transportation Commission may donate to US Forest Service or appropriate federal agency.	Authorized the Transportation Commission to transfer land in Perry County to the U.S. Forest Service.
SB 2448	Wilemon	Memorial highways; designate Mississippi Highway 4 in Prentiss county as the Sergeant Jonathan W. Lambert, Memorial Highway.	Designate MS Hwy 4 in Prentiss County as the "Sergeant Jonathan W. Lambert" Memorial Highway.
SB 2451	Simmons (13th)	Transportation; extend the repealer on permits for overweight harvest vehicles.	Extends the Harvest Permit Repealer.
SB 2491	Massey; Parker	Scenic byways; designate certain segments as "Delta Bluffs Scenic Byway".	Created the "Delta Bluffs Scenic Byway".
SB 2496	McDaniel	Memorial Highways; direct MDOT to relocate signage for the "Albert B. Shows Memorial Highway."	Relocated the signage for the "Albert B. Shows Memorial Highway".

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SB 2528	Wiggins; Tindell; Gollott	Federal disaster; revise provision regarding hiring by a contractor awarded public works bid using funds from.	Revises 31-5-37 to state that contractors submitting bids for public works projects of \$5,000 or more that utilize funds resulting from federally declared disasters or spills shall submit with their bid a certification that they will comply with the provisions of this section if they are awarded a contract. They shall submit to the agency that solicited the bid and the MS Department of Employment Security an employment plan within seven days after the award of the contract. This plan will list the number of vacant positions of the contractor and any subcontractor and how they will recruit for job vacancies. From the date award is received by contractor until 10 business days after receipt of the employment plan by MS Dept of Employment Security, the contractor and any subcontractor shall not hire any personnel to fill positions needed for public works projects except for those qualified who are submitted by MS Dept of Employment Security.
SB 2572	Longwitz; Clarke	Memorial highways; designate the Gluckstadt interchange on I-55 in Madison County as the "Adam Lee Weisenberger Memorial Interchange."	Designated the Gluckstadt interchange on I-55 in Madison County as the "Adam Lee Weisenberger Memorial Interchange".
SB 2613	Longwitz	Scenic byways; designate certain scenic byways in Madison County.	Designated certain segments of existing highways in Madison County as the "Gateway to History Scenic Byway".
SB 2625	Longwitz	Public officers and employees; revise punishment for embezzlement and restrict government hiring of felons.	Prohibits the state from employing any person who has been convicted of or who has plead guilty in any court to a felony in which public funds were unlawfully taken, obtained, or misappropriated in the abuse or misuse of the person's position after July 1, 2013.
SB 2847	Kirby	Special fuel tax; exempt fuel used by a commercial airline on certain interstate air service.	This act would amend Section 27-55-527 by exempting fuel consumed by planes for interstate air service by new carriers, interstate service to new cities and additional interstate service to existing cities by existing airlines for twelve months after the date the service is established.
SB 2847	Fillingane	Bonds; issued for various purposes.	Changed the wording in the GO Bond Bill to allow MDOT to make shoulder improvements to U.S. Hwy 49 one mile south of the Gate of Camp Shelby to U.S. Hwy 98 – these improvements will help congestion of local traffic when Camp Shelby Convoys are traveling the highways.
SR 7	Simmons (13th)	Highways; committee to study revenue and expenditure to maintain highway system.	Created a Study Committee to Study Revenue and Expenditures Necessary to Develop and Maintain an adequate Highway Transportation System in Mississippi; the Task Force is composed of the Chairman of the Senate Highways & Transportation Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate County Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Economic Council, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Supervisors Association, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Municipal Association, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, One (1) member designated by the Citizens for a Better Mississippi, One (1) member designated by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi State Department of Education, One (1) member designated by the Office of State Aid Road Construction, One (1) member designated by the Department of Environmental Quality, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, One (1) member designated by the Mississippi Trucking Association, and One member designated by the Mississippi Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores Association.