

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human  
Services

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1523

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT IN DEATH CASES WHERE THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SUDDEN  
3 INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS) AND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER PROVIDES A  
4 SIDS DEATH SCENE INVESTIGATION REPORT, THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS SHALL  
5 RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$50.00, OR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF  
6 \$100.00 IF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAS RECEIVED ADVANCED TRAINING IN  
7 CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation  
12 and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall  
13 be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is  
14 provided:

15 (a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive  
16 Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) for each completed report of  
17 investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In  
18 addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden  
19 infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a  
20 SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall  
21 receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars  
22 (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the  
23 medical examiner has received advanced training in child death  
24 investigations and presents to the county a certificate of  
25 completion of that advanced training.

26 (b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in  
27 Section 41-61-65 shall receive Five Hundred Fifty Dollars  
28 (\$550.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from  
29 the site of the autopsy.

30           (2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is  
31 subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury,  
32 courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert  
33 witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to  
34 and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid  
35 by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

36           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
37 and after October 1, 2007.