

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2419

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR
3 THE FEES PAID BY THE COUNTY TO A MEDICAL EXAMINER OR HIS DEPUTY
4 FOR THE FILING OF CERTAIN INVESTIGATION REPORTS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

9 41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation
10 and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall
11 be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is
12 provided:

13 (a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive One
14 Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each completed report
15 of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses.
16 In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was
17 sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner
18 provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical
19 examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional



20 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars
21 (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training
22 in child death investigations and presents to the county a
23 certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State
24 Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and
25 list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene
26 Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical
27 examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

28 (b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in
29 Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
30 per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site
31 of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket
32 expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred
33 Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

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

40 (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2023.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2021.

