

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2419

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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40 (3) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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

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