

By: Senator(s) Chassaniol

To: Tourism; Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2876

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI HOTEL AND LODGING REVIEW  
 2 BOARD AS PART OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOTEL AND LODGING ASSOCIATION FOR  
 3 THE PURPOSE OF UPHOLDING INDUSTRY STANDARDS OF CLEANLINESS, SAFETY  
 4 AND SECURITY; TO ESTABLISH THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD AND THE  
 5 TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS; TO SET OUT THE BOARD'S POWERS AND DUTIES;  
 6 TO EXEMPT FROM THIS ACT ANY PROPERTY OWNED AND MANAGED BY A GAMING  
 7 CASINO AND REGULATED BY THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION; TO  
 8 PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD SHALL BE CONSTITUTED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER  
 9 31, 2022, AND SHALL ADOPT RULES AND STANDARDS NO LATER THAN JUNE  
 10 30, 2023; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL STAND REPEALED ON JUNE  
 11 30, 2026; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Mississippi Hotel and  
 14 Lodging Review Board as part of the Mississippi Hotel and Lodging  
 15 Association for the purpose of upholding industry standards of  
 16 cleanliness, safety and security, and of ensuring that room and  
 17 property conditions, together with food, beverage and banquet  
 18 facilities, adhere to the standards and to customer expectations.  
 19 Enforcement of these standards will provide consistency and will  
 20 maintain and enhance the State of Mississippi's reputation as an  
 21 outstanding tourism and business destination.



22 (2) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
23 meanings ascribed below:

24 (a) "Board" means the Mississippi Hotel and Lodging  
25 Review Board.

26 (b) "Association" means the Mississippi Hotel and  
27 Lodging Association.

28 (3) (a) The six-member board shall be constituted as  
29 follows:

30 (i) Two (2) owners of hotels of seventy-six (76)  
31 rooms or more, one (1) to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor,  
32 to serve a two-year initial term, and the other to be appointed by  
33 the Speaker of the House, to serve a one-year initial term;

34 (ii) Two (2) owners of hotels of seventy-five (75)  
35 rooms or fewer, one (1) to be appointed by the Lieutenant  
36 Governor, to serve a one-year initial term, and the other to be  
37 appointed by the Speaker of the House, to serve a two-year initial  
38 term;

39 (iii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
40 Hotel and Lodging Association, to serve a three-year initial term;  
41 and

42 (iv) An at-large member to be appointed by the  
43 Governor, to serve a three-year initial term.

44 (b) After the initial terms, the term length for all  
45 board members shall be four (4) years.

46 (4) The board shall have the following powers and duties:



47 (a) To receive and investigate complaints from patrons  
48 regarding cleanliness, safety, pricing integrity and other matters  
49 affecting the customer's experience;

50 (b) To work with the Mississippi Department of Health  
51 to bring a hotel or lodging property up to standards;

52 (c) To charge permit and application fees for the  
53 financing of the board; and

54 (d) To levy a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars  
55 (\$5,000.00) against a hotel or lodging property for failure to  
56 take the required action. The fine shall be paid to the  
57 association, which shall use the fine proceeds to pay any expenses  
58 incurred by the board in investigating complaints.

59 (5) Any hotel and lodging property owned and managed by a  
60 gaming casino and regulated by the Mississippi Gaming Commission  
61 is exempt from this act.

62 (6) The board shall be constituted no later than December  
63 31, 2022, and shall adopt rules and standards no later than June  
64 30, 2023.

65 **SECTION 2.** This act shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

66 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
67 and after July 1, 2022.

