MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2023

By: Representative Bain

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 25-13-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PAY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS EACH MONTH TO EACH RETIRED MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL AS IDENTIFIED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFFSETTING HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS OF THOSE MEMBERS; TO PROVIDE WHEN SUCH PAYMENT SHALL END; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 9 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section

10 25-13-37, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11 25-13-37. The State of Mississippi shall appropriate funds to pay Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) each month to each 12 13 retired member of the Mississippi Highway Patrol as identified by the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) for the purpose of 14 offsetting health insurance costs of those members. This payment 15 16 shall not be considered income. Such health insurance supplement 17 shall end once the retired member of the Mississippi Highway 18 Patrol either reaches the age of sixty-five (65) or passes away. The Mississippi Highway Patrol Retirement System Administrative 19 20 Board, in consultation with the PERS Board of Trustees, shall

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21 adopt any rules and regulations that are necessary to implement 22 the provisions of this section.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

24 and after July 1, 2023.

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