

By: Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes,  
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To: Public Health and Human  
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 793

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL  
2 DESIGN AND CAUSE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED AN EMERGENCY  
3 MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL TO HONOR THOSE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
4 SERVICES PERSONNEL WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE PERFORMANCE  
5 OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A DRAMATIC IMPACT  
6 ON OR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN  
7 MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORM AND  
8 ESTABLISH A PRIVATE FOUNDATION OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION TO  
9 MAINTAIN THE MEMORIAL IN PERPETUITY AND DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY  
10 OF THOSE PERSONS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE MEMORIAL; AND FOR RELATED  
11 PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Health, in  
14 cooperation with the Department of Archives and History and the  
15 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management and  
16 subject to funds being made available, shall design and cause to  
17 be constructed and maintained on state-owned lands at some  
18 suitable and appropriate place in or near the City of Jackson, an  
19 Emergency Medical Services Memorial to honor those emergency  
20 medical services personnel who have given their lives in the  
21 performance of their official duties and those who have made a  
22 dramatic impact on or substantial contribution to emergency



23 management services in Mississippi. The Department of Health  
24 shall consult with organizations and communities of interest  
25 relating to emergency medical services in designing the memorial,  
26 and the memorial shall be designed and constructed not later than  
27 July 1, 2024.

28 (2) The Department of Health shall form and establish a  
29 private foundation or nonprofit corporation to maintain the  
30 memorial in perpetuity and determine the eligibility of those  
31 persons to be included on the memorial. The foundation shall  
32 solicit and receive funds from public and private sources and  
33 donations to carry out its responsibilities under this section.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2023.

