

By: Senator(s) McCaughn

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2658

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 57-123-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD
3 SECTION 1, CHAPTER 399, LAWS OF 2022, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE
4 AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 57-123-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 brought forward as follows:

8 57-123-11. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration
9 shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to
10 Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section.
11 Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration
12 under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all
13 requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the
14 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established
15 under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration
16 shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street
17 Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization
18 grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

19 2020 Number of Grant Total



20	population	communities	amount	grants
21	More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
22	Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
23	Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

24 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have
25 all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 1, Chapter 399, Laws of 2021, is brought
27 forward as follows:

28 Section 1. The COVID-19 public health emergency has had a
29 significant negative impact on Mississippi's tourism industry and
30 its nonprofit museums. American Rescue Plan Act funds are
31 specifically targeted toward assisting in the recovery of the
32 tourism and hospitality sectors. The funds provided in this act
33 are necessary expenditures related to COVID-19, the purpose of
34 which is to publicize the resumption of tourism activities and
35 steps taken to ensure a safe tourism experience and to support the
36 travel and hospitality economy of Mississippi.

37 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
38 and after July 1, 2023.

