MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2023

By: Senator(s) Bryan

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2855

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE ASSESSMENTS DIRECTED TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS AND CRIMES; TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-72, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT PROVIDES THAT THE FEE FOR EXPUNGEMENTS SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 2016; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

10 amended as follows:

11 99-19-73. (1) **Traffic violations**. In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there 12 13 shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from 14 each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation in Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, except 15 16 offenses relating to the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section 17 63-11-1 et seq.) and offenses relating to vehicular parking or 18 registration: 19 FUND AMOUNT 20 State Court Education Fund......[Deleted]

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46	Domestic Violence Training Fund
47	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit
48	Children's Safe Center Fund[Deleted]
49	DuBard School for Language Disorders Fund[Deleted]
50	Children's Advocacy Centers Fund
51	Judicial System Operation Fund[Deleted]
52	GENERAL FUND * * *[Deleted]

53 Implied Consent Law violations. In addition to any (2)54 monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there 55 shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from 56 each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or any other penalty 57 for any violation of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section 58 63-11-1 et seq.):

59	FUND	AMOUNT
60	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[]	Deleted]
61	State Court Education Fund[]	Deleted]
62	State Prosecutor Education Fund[]	Deleted]
63	Vulnerable Persons Training,	

64 Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund......[Deleted] 65 66 Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund......[Deleted] 67 68 69 Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program Fund......[Deleted] 70 Federal-State Alcohol Program Fund......[Deleted]

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71 Mississippi Forensics Laboratory

72	Implied Consent Law Fund[Deleted]
73	Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund
74	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
75	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
76	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund
77	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund
78	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
79	Death Benefits Trust Fund
80	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
81	Disability Benefits Trust Fund
82	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
83	of providing additional compensation for
84	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
85	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
86	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
87	Statewide Victims' Information and
88	Notification System Fund
89	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
90	Domestic Violence Training Fund
91	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit
92	GENERAL FUND * * * [Deleted]
93	(3) Game and Fish Law violations. In addition to any
94	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
95	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from

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96 each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for 97 any violation of the game and fish statutes or regulations of this 98 state: 99 FUND AMOUNT 100 State Prosecutor Education Fund......[Deleted] 101 102 Vulnerable Persons Training, 103 Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund......[Deleted] 104 105 106 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters 107 108 Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters 109 110 State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose 111 of providing additional compensation for district 112 Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund......[Deleted] 113 114 Intervention Court Fund......[Deleted] 115 116 Indigent Appeals Fund.....[Deleted] 117 118 119 120

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123 (4) [Deleted]

124 (5) Speeding, reckless and careless driving violations. Ιn 125 addition to any assessment imposed under subsection (1) or (2) of 126 this section, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine 127 or other penalty for driving a vehicle on a road or highway: 128 129 (a) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by 130 at least ten (10) miles per hour but not more than twenty (20) 131 miles per hour..... * * *[Deleted] 132 (b) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by 133 at least twenty (20) miles per hour but not more than thirty (30) miles per hour..... * * *[Deleted] 134 135 (c) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by thirty (30) miles per hour or more..... * * *[Deleted] 136 137 In violation of Section 63-3-1201, which is the (d) 138 offense of reckless driving..... * * * [Deleted] 139 In violation of Section 63-3-1213, which is the (e) 140 offense of careless driving..... * * * [Deleted] 141 All assessments collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the State General Fund. 142 143 (6) **Other misdemeanors.** In addition to any monetary

144 penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be 145 imposed and collected the following state assessment from each

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150	FUND AMOUNT
151	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[Deleted]
152	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
153	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
154	Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
155	and Prosecution Trust Fund
156	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
157	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund
158	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
159	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
160	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
161	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
162	State Crime Stoppers Fund[Deleted]
163	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
164	Death Benefits Trust Fund
165	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
166	Disability Benefits Trust Fund
167	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
168	of providing additional compensation for
169	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
170	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]

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171	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
172	Judicial Performance Fund[Deleted]
173	Statewide Victims' Information and
174	Notification System Fund
175	Public Defenders Education Fund
176	Domestic Violence Training Fund
177	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit
178	Information Exchange Network Fund
179	Motorcycle Officer Training Fund
180	Civil Legal Assistance Fund
181	Justice Court Collections Fund
182	Municipal Court Collections Fund
183	GENERAL FUND * * * [Deleted]
184	(7) Other felonies. In addition to any monetary penalties
185	and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and
186	collected the following state assessment from each person upon
187	whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any felony
188	violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this
189	section:
190	FUND AMOUNT
191	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund
192	State Court Education Fund
193	State Prosecutor Education Fund
194	Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
195	and Prosecution Trust Fund

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196	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
197	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund
198	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
199	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
200	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
201	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund
202	Criminal Justice Fund[Deleted]
203	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
204	Death Benefits Trust Fund
205	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
206	Disability Benefits Trust Fund
207	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
208	of providing additional compensation for
209	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
210	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
211	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
212	Statewide Victims' Information and
213	Notification System Fund
214	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
215	Domestic Violence Training Fund
216	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit
217	Forensics Laboratory DNA Identification System Fund[Deleted]
218	GENERAL FUND * * * [Deleted]
219	(8) Additional assessments on certain violations:

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220 (a) Railroad crossing violations. In addition to any 221 monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there 222 shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in 223 addition to all other state assessments due under this section 224 from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty 225 for any violation involving railroad crossings under Section 226 37-41-55, 63-3-1007, 63-3-1009, 63-3-1011, 63-3-1013 or 77-9-249: 227 Operation Lifesaver Fund.....\$25.00

(b) **Drug violations.** In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of Section 41-29-139:

234Drug Evidence Disposition Fund.....\$25.00235Mississippi Foster Care Fund.....\$ 2.00

236 Motor vehicle liability insurance violations. (C) In addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed 237 238 by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under 239 240 this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or 241 other penalty for any violation of Section 63-15-4(4) or Section 242 63 - 16 - 13(1):

243 Uninsured Motorist Identification Fund:

244 First offense.....\$200.00

S. B. No. 2855 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 23/SS08/R36 PAGE 10 (ens\kr) Second offense.....\$300.00 Third or subsequent offense.....\$400.00 (9) If a fine or other penalty imposed is suspended, in whole or in part, such suspension shall not affect the state assessment under this section. No state assessment imposed under the provisions of this section may be suspended or reduced by the court.

(10) (a) After a determination by the court of the amount due, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to promptly collect all state assessments imposed under the provisions of this section. The state assessments imposed under the provisions of this section may not be paid by personal check.

257 It shall be the duty of the chancery clerk of each (b) 258 county to deposit all state assessments collected in the circuit, 259 county and justice courts in the county on a monthly basis with 260 the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established 261 by the State Auditor. The chancery clerk shall make a monthly 262 lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the 263 circuit, county and justice courts in the county under this 264 section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and 265 Administration the total number of violations under each 266 subsection for which state assessments were collected in the 267 circuit, county and justice courts in the county during that 268 month.

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269 (C) It shall be the duty of the municipal clerk of each 270 municipality to deposit all the state assessments collected in the 271 municipal court in the municipality on a monthly basis with the 272 State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by 273 the State Auditor. The municipal clerk shall make a monthly 274 lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the 275 municipal court in the municipality under this section, and shall 276 report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total 277 number of violations under each subsection for which state assessments were collected in the municipal court in the 278 279 municipality during that month.

(11) It shall be the duty of the Department of Finance and Administration to deposit on a monthly basis all state assessments into the * * * proper special fund in the State Treasury. The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue regulations providing for the proper allocation of these funds.

285 The State Auditor shall establish by regulation (12)286 procedures for refunds of state assessments, including refunds 287 associated with assessments imposed before July 1, 1990, and 288 refunds after appeals in which the defendant's conviction is 289 reversed. The Auditor shall provide in the regulations for 290 certification of eligibility for refunds and may require the defendant seeking a refund to submit a verified copy of a court 291 292 order or abstract by which the defendant is entitled to a refund.

S. B. No. 2855 23/SS08/R36 PAGE 12 (ens\kr) 293 All refunds of state assessments shall be made in accordance with 294 the procedures established by the Auditor.

295 SECTION 2. Section 99-19-72, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 296 amended as follows:

297 99-19-72. * * * A filing fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars 298 (\$150.00) is hereby levied on each petition to expunge an offense 299 under Section 99-19-71 to be collected by the circuit clerk and 300 distributed as follows:

301 (a) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be deposited into302 the Judicial System Operation Fund;

303 (b) Forty Dollars (\$40.00) to be deposited into the304 District Attorneys Operation Fund; and

305 (c) Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be retained by the circuit306 clerk collecting the fee for administration purposes.

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308 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 309 and after July 1, 2023.