By: Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Keen, To: Judiciary B Mattox

HOUSE BILL NO. 1015

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT
- 3 DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENFORCE
- 4 PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI IMPLIED CONSENT LAW AND THE
- 5 PROVISIONS OF LAW GOVERNING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AND REPORTS;
- 6 TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-3-411, 63-3-415, 63-9-21, 63-11-5 AND
- 7 63-11-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR
- 8 RELATED PURPOSES.
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- SECTION 1. Section 45-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 11 amended as follows:
- 12 45-3-21. (1) The powers and duties of the Highway Safety
- 13 Patrol shall be, in addition to all others prescribed by law, as
- 14 follows:
- 15 (a) To enforce all of the traffic laws, rules and
- 16 regulations of the State of Mississippi upon all highways of the
- 17 state highway system and the rights-of-way of such highways;
- 18 provided, however, that if any person commits an offense upon the
- 19 state highway system and be pursued by a member of the Highway
- 20 Safety Patrol, such patrol officer may pursue and apprehend such

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- 22 or to any other place to which such offender may flee.
- 23 (b) To enforce all rules and regulations of the
- 24 commissioner promulgated pursuant to legal authority.
- 25 (c) When so directed by the Governor, to enforce any of
- 26 the laws of this state upon any of the highways or public roads
- 27 thereof.
- 28 (d) Upon the request of the Department of Revenue, and
- 29 with the approval of the Governor, to enforce all of the
- 30 provisions of law with reference to the registration, license and
- 31 taxation of vehicles using the highways of this state, and
- 32 relative to the sizes, weights and load limits of such vehicles,
- 33 and to enforce the provisions of all other laws administered by
- 34 the Department of Revenue upon any of the highways or public roads
- 35 of this state; and for such purpose the Highway Safety Patrol
- 36 shall have the authority to collect and receive all taxes which
- 37 may be due under any of such laws, and to report and remit same to
- 38 the Department of Revenue in the manner required by law, or the
- 39 rules and regulations of the Department of Revenue.
- 40 (e) * * * To authorize the Commercial Transportation
- 41 Enforcement Division within the Department of Public Safety, and
- 42 when so instructed by the commissioner, to enforce:
- 43 (i) The Mississippi Motor Carrier Regulatory Law
- 44 of 1938 and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

45	(ii) The Mississippi Implied Consent Law,
46	established under Sections 63-11-1 through 63-11-47 and the rules
47	and regulations promulgated thereunder; and
48	(iii) The provisions governing motor vehicle
49	accidents and reports, established under Sections 63-3-401 through
50	<u>63-3-425</u> .
51	(f) To arrest without warrant any person or persons
52	committing or attempting to commit any misdemeanor, felony or
53	breach of the peace within their presence or view, and to pursue
54	and so arrest any person committing such an offense to and at any
55	place in the State of Mississippi where he may go or be. Nothing
56	herein shall be construed as granting the Mississippi Highway
57	Safety Patrol general police powers.
58	(g) To aid and assist any law enforcement officer whose
59	life or safety is in jeopardy. Additionally, officers of the
60	Highway Safety Patrol may arrest without warrant any fugitive from
61	justice who has escaped or who is using the highways of the state
62	in an attempt to flee. With the approval of the commissioner or
63	his designee, officers of the Highway Safety Patrol may assist
64	other law enforcement agencies in manhunts for convicted felons
65	who have escaped and/or for alleged felons where there is probable
66	cause to believe that the person being sought committed the felony
67	and a felony had actually been committed.

(h) To cooperate with the State Forest Service by

reporting all forest fires.

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70	(i) Upon request of the sheriff or his designee, or
71	board of supervisors of any county or the chief of police or mayor
72	of any municipality, and when so instructed by the commissioner or
73	his designee, to respond to calls for assistance in a law
74	enforcement incident; such request and action shall be noted and
75	clearly reflected on the radio logs of both the Mississippi
76	Highway Safety Patrol district substation and that of the
77	requesting agency, entered on the local NCIC terminal, if
78	available, and a request in writing shall follow within
79	forty-eight (48) hours. Additionally, the time of commencement
80	and termination of the specific law enforcement incident shall be
81	clearly noted on the radio logs of both law enforcement agencies.
82	(2) The Legislature declares that the primary law
83	enforcement officer in any county in the State of Mississippi is
84	the duly qualified and elected sheriff thereof, but for the
85	purposes of this subsection there is hereby vested in the
86	Department of Public Safety, in addition to the powers hereinabove
87	mentioned and the other provisions of this section under the terms
88	and limitations hereinafter mentioned and for the purpose of
89	insuring domestic tranquility and for the purpose of preventing or
90	suppressing, or both, crimes of violence, acts and conduct
91	calculated to, or which may, provoke or lead to violence and/or
92	incite riots, mobs, mob violence, a breach of the peace, and acts
93	of intimidation or terror, the powers and duties to include the
94	enforcement of all the laws of the State of Mississippi relating

95	to such purposes, to investigate any violation of the laws of the
96	State of Mississippi and to aid in the arrest and prosecution of
97	persons charged with violating the laws of the State of
98	Mississippi which relate to such purposes. Investigators of the
99	Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Public Safety shall
100	have general police powers to enforce all the laws of the State of
101	Mississippi. All officers of the Department of Public Safety
102	charged with the enforcement of the laws administered by that
103	agency, for the purposes herein set forth, shall have full power
104	to investigate, prevent, apprehend and arrest law violators
105	anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the power of
106	general police officers in the performance of their duties. The
107	officers of the Department of Public Safety are authorized and
108	empowered to carry and use firearms and other weapons deemed
109	necessary in the discharge of their duties as such and are also
110	empowered to serve warrants and subpoenas issued under the
111	authority of the State of Mississippi. The Governor shall be
112	authorized to offer and pay suitable rewards to persons aiding in
113	the investigation, apprehension and conviction of persons charged
114	with acts of violence, or threats of violence or intimidation or
115	acts of terrorism. The additional powers herein granted to or
116	vested in the Department of Public Safety or any of its officers
117	or employees by this section, excepting investigating powers, and
118	those powers of investigators who shall have general police power,
119	being the investigators in the Bureau of Investigation of the

120 Department of Public Safety, shall not be exercised by the

121 Department of Public Safety, or any of its officers or employees,

122 except upon authority and direction of the Governor or Acting

123 Governor, by proclamation duly signed, in the following instances,

124 to wit:

(a) When requested by the sheriff or board of supervisors of any county or the mayor of any municipality on the grounds that mob violence, crimes of violence, acts and conduct of terrorism, riots or acts of intimidation, or either, calculated to or which may provoke violence or incite riots, mobs, mob violence, violence, or lead to any breach of the peace, or either, and acts of intimidation or terror are anticipated, and when such acts or conduct in the opinion of the Governor or Acting Governor would provoke violence or any of the foregoing acts or conduct set out in this subsection, and the sheriff or mayor, as the case may be, lacks adequate police force to prevent or suppress the same.

(b) Acting upon evidence submitted to him by the Department of Public Safety, or other investigating agency authorized by the Governor or Acting Governor to make such investigations, because of the failure or refusal of the sheriff of any county or mayor of any municipality to take action or employ such means at his disposal, to prevent or suppress the acts, conduct or offenses provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Governor or Acting Governor deems it necessary to

- invoke the powers and authority vested in the Department of Public Safety.
- 146 (c) The Governor or Acting Governor is hereby
- 147 authorized and empowered to issue his proclamation invoking the
- 148 powers and authority vested by this paragraph, as provided in
- 149 paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, and when the Governor
- 150 or Acting Governor issues said proclamation in accordance
- 151 herewith, said proclamation shall become effective upon the
- 152 signing thereof and shall continue in full force and effect for a
- 153 period of ninety (90) days, or for a shorter period if otherwise
- 154 ordered by the Governor or Acting Governor. At the signing of the
- 155 proclamation by the Governor or Acting Governor, the Department of
- 156 Public Safety and its officers and employees shall thereupon be
- 157 authorized to exercise the additional power and authority vested
- 158 in them by this paragraph. The Governor and Acting Governor may
- 159 issue additional proclamations for periods of ninety (90) days
- 160 each under the authority of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
- 161 subsection (2).
- 162 (3) All proclamations issued by the Governor or Acting
- 163 Governor shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on
- 164 the next succeeding business day.
- 165 (4) It is not the intention of this section to vest the wide
- 166 powers and authority herein provided for, as general powers of the
- 167 Department of Public Safety, and the same are not hereby so
- 168 vested, but to limit these general powers to cases and incidents

- 169 wherein it is deemed necessary to prevent or suppress the offenses
- 170 and conditions herein mentioned in this and other subsections of
- 171 this section, and under the terms and conditions hereinabove
- 172 enumerated, it being the sense of the Legislature that the prime
- 173 duties of the Department of Public Safety are to patrol the
- 174 highways of this state and enforce the highway safety laws.
- 175 (5) Patrol officers shall have no interest in any costs in
- 176 the prosecution of any case through any court; nor shall any
- 177 patrol officer receive any fee as a witness in any court held in
- 178 this state, whether a state or federal court.
- 179 (6) Provided, however, that the general police power vested
- 180 by virtue of the terms of subsection (2) of this section is solely
- 181 for the purposes set out in said subsection.
- 182 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-3-411, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 183 amended as follows:
- 184 63-3-411. (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in an
- 185 accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or total
- 186 property damage to an apparent extent of Five Hundred Dollars
- 187 (\$500.00) or more shall immediately, by the quickest means of
- 188 communication, give notice of the collision to the local police
- 189 department if the collision occurs within an incorporated
- 190 municipality, or if the collision occurs outside of an
- 191 incorporated municipality to the nearest sheriff's office or
- 192 highway patrol station.

193	(2) The department may require any driver of a vehicle
194	involved in an accident, of which report must be made as provided
195	in this section, to file supplemental reports whenever the
196	original report is insufficient in the opinion of the department.
197	Additionally, the department may require witnesses of accidents to
198	render reports to the department.

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Division within the Department of Public Safety or the
sheriff's office to investigate all accidents required to be
reported by this section when the accident occurs outside the
corporate limits of a municipality, and it shall be the duty of
the police department of each municipality to investigate all
accidents required to be reported by this section when the
accidents occur within the corporate limits of the municipality.

Every law enforcement officer who investigates an accident as required by this subsection, whether the investigation is made at the scene of the accident or by subsequent investigation and interviews, shall forward within six (6) days after completing the investigation a written report of the accident to the department if the accident occurred outside the corporate limits of a municipality, or to the police department of the municipality if the accident occurred within the corporate limits of such municipality. Police departments shall forward such reports to the department within six (6) days of the date of the accident.

218	(4) Whenever an engineer of a railroad locomotive, or other
219	person in charge of a train, is required to show proof of his
220	identity under the provisions of this article, in connection with
221	operation of such locomotive, to any law enforcement officer, such
222	person shall not be required to display his operator's or
223	chauffeur's license but shall display his railroad employee
224	number.

- 225 (5) In addition to the information required on the
 226 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms provided by
 227 Section 63-3-415, the department shall require the parties
 228 involved in an accident and the witnesses of such accident to
 229 furnish their phone numbers in order to assist the investigation
 230 by law enforcement officers.
- 231 **SECTION 3.** Section 63-3-415, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
- 233 63-3-415. (1) The department shall prepare and furnish 234 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms to other agencies, municipal police departments, county sheriffs and other 235 236 suitable law enforcement agencies, including the Commercial 237 Transportation Enforcement Division within the department, or 238 individuals. The department may charge an amount not exceeding 239 the actual costs incurred by the department in preparing and 240 furnishing the forms. The Department of Public Safety also may 241 make such forms available in electronic format, which shall be

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- 244 (2) Every accident report required by Section 63-3-411 from 245 a law enforcement officer or individual shall be made on the 246 "statewide uniform traffic accident report" form provided by the 247 department.
- 248 (3) In addition to the information required on the accident 249 report forms provided for herein, the department shall include a 250 place on such report forms for the phone numbers of the parties 251 involved in the accident and any witnesses to such accident.
- 252 (4) "Statewide uniform traffic accident report" forms shall 253 not have printed upon them the name of any elected state official.
- 254 **SECTION 4.** Section 63-9-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 255 amended as follows:
- 256 63-9-21. (1) This section shall be known as the Uniform 257 Traffic Ticket Law.
- 258 All traffic tickets, except traffic tickets filed 259 electronically as provided under subsection (8) of this section, 260 shall be printed in the original and at least two (2) copies and 261 such other copies as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of 262 Public Safety. All traffic tickets shall be uniform as prescribed 263 by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General, 264 except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)(b) and except that 265 the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General may 266 alter the form and content of traffic tickets to meet the varying

requirements of the different law enforcement agencies. The
Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General shall
prescribe a separate traffic ticket, consistent with the
provisions of subsection (3) (b) of this section, to be used
exclusively for violations of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law.

- (3) (a) Every traffic ticket issued by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, county patrol officer, municipal police officer * * *, State Highway Patrol officer or officer of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division for any violation of traffic or motor vehicle laws shall be issued on the uniform traffic ticket or uniform implied consent violation ticket consisting of an original and at least two (2) copies and such other copies as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
- 281 The traffic ticket, citation or affidavit issued to (b) 282 a person arrested for a violation of the Mississippi Implied 283 Consent Law shall contain a place for the trial judge hearing the 284 case or accepting the guilty plea, as the case may be, to sign, 285 stating that the person arrested either employed an attorney or 286 waived his right to an attorney after having been properly advised 287 of his right to have an attorney. If the person arrested employed 288 an attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the 289 attorney shall be entered or written on the ticket, citation or 290 affidavit.

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291	(c) Every traffic ticket shall show, among other
292	necessary information, the name of the issuing officer, the name
293	of the court in which the cause is to be heard, and the date and
294	time the person is to appear to answer the charge. The ticket
295	shall include information that will constitute a complaint
296	charging the offense for which the ticket was issued, and when
297	duly sworn to and filed with a court of competent jurisdiction,
298	prosecution may proceed thereunder.

- 299 (d) The traffic ticket shall contain a space to include 300 the current address and current telephone number of the person 301 being charged. It shall not contain a space to include the social 302 security number of the person being charged.
- 303 (4) All traffic tickets, except traffic tickets filed 304 electronically under subsection (8) of this section, shall be 305 bound in book form, shall be consecutively numbered and each 306 traffic ticket shall be accounted for to the officer issuing such 307 The traffic ticket books shall be issued to sheriffs, book. 308 deputy sheriffs, constables and county patrol officers by the 309 chancery clerk of their respective counties, to each municipal 310 police officer by the clerk of the municipal court, and to each State Highway Patrol officer and officer of the Commercial 311 312 Transportation Enforcement Division by the Commissioner of Public 313 Safety.
- 314 (5) The chancery clerk, clerk of the municipal court and the 315 Commissioner of Public Safety shall keep a record of all traffic

316	ticket books issued and to whom issued, accounting for all books
317	printed and issued. All traffic tickets submitted electronically
318	shall be filed automatically with the Commissioner of Public
319	Safety and either the clerk of the municipal court or clerk of the
320	justice court using the system of electronic submission for the
321	purpose of maintaining a record of account as prescribed by this
322	subsection (5).

The original traffic ticket, unless the traffic ticket is filed electronically as provided under subsection (8) of this section, shall be delivered by the officer issuing the traffic ticket to the clerk of the court to which it is returnable to be retained in that court's records and the number noted on the However, if a ticket is issued and the person is incarcerated based upon the conduct for which the ticket was issued, the ticket shall be filed with the clerk of the court to which it is returnable no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next business day, excluding weekends and holidays, after the date and time of the person's incarceration; however, failure to timely file the traffic ticket shall not be grounds for dismissal of the traffic ticket and shall not prevent the person's release from incarceration. The officer issuing the traffic ticket shall also give the accused a copy of the traffic ticket. The clerk of the court shall file a copy with the Commissioner of Public Safety within forty-five (45) days after judgment is rendered showing such information about the judgment as may be required by the

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- 341 commissioner or, in cases in which no judgment has been rendered,
- 342 within one hundred twenty (120) days after issuance of the ticket.
- 343 Other copies that are prescribed by the commissioner pursuant to
- 344 this section shall be filed or retained as may be designated by
- 345 the commissioner. All copies shall be retained for at least two
- 346 (2) years.
- 347 (7) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section
- 348 shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be
- 349 punishable by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor
- 350 more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- 351 (8) (a) Law enforcement officers and agencies may file
- 352 traffic tickets, including tickets issued for a violation of the
- 353 Mississippi Implied Consent Law and general misdemeanor
- 354 affidavits, by computer or electronic means if the ticket or
- 355 affidavit conforms in all substantive respects, including layout
- 356 and content, as provided under * * subsection (2) or (3)(b) of
- 357 this section. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section
- 358 requiring tickets bound in book form do not apply to a ticket that
- 359 is produced by computer or electronic means. Information
- 360 concerning tickets produced by computer or electronic means shall
- 361 be available for public inspection in substantially the same
- 362 manner as provided for the uniform tickets described in subsection
- 363 (2) of this section.
- 364 (b) The defendant shall be provided with a paper copy
- 365 of the ticket. A law enforcement officer who files a ticket or

366 misdemeanor affidavit electronically shall be considered to have 367 certified, signed and sworn to the ticket or misdemeanor affidavit 368 and has the same rights, responsibilities and liabilities as with 369 all other tickets or affidavits issued pursuant to this section.

370 SECTION 5. Section 63-11-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 371 amended as follows:

63-11-5. (1) (a) Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways, public roads * * * or streets of this state shall be deemed to have given his consent, subject to the provisions of this chapter, to a chemical test or tests of his breath, blood or urine for the purpose of determining alcohol concentration. A person shall give his consent to a chemical test or tests of his breath, blood or urine for the purpose of determining the presence in his body of any other substance which would impair a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

- The test or tests shall be administered at the direction of any authorized officer, when such officer has reasonable grounds and probable cause to believe that the person was driving or had under his actual physical control a motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways of this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other substance which had impaired such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- 389 (2) A breath analysis test must be administered by a person who has met all the educational and training requirements 390

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- 391 of the appropriate course of study prescribed by the Board on Law
- 392 Enforcement * * * Officer Standards and Training; however,
- 393 sheriffs and elected chiefs of police are exempt from the
- 394 educational and training requirement. A breath analysis test must
- 395 not be given to any person within fifteen (15) minutes of
- 396 consumption of any substance by mouth.
- 397 (b) For purposes of this section, the term "authorized
- 398 officer" means any highway patrol officer, officer of the
- 399 Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within the
- 400 Department of Public Safety, sheriff or his duly commissioned
- 401 deputies, police officer in any incorporated municipality,
- 402 national park ranger, officer of a state-supported institution of
- 403 higher learning campus police force if such officer is exercising
- 404 this authority in regard to a violation that occurred on campus
- 405 property, or security officer appointed and commissioned pursuant
- 406 to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Security Officer
- 407 Law of 1978 if such officer is exercising this authority in regard
- 408 to a violation that occurred within the limits of the Pearl River
- 409 Valley Water Supply District.
- 410 (3) If the officer has reasonable grounds and probable cause
- 411 to believe such person to have been driving a motor vehicle upon
- 412 the public highways, public roads * * * or streets of this state
- 413 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other
- 414 substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a
- 415 motor vehicle, the officer shall inform the person that his

- 416 failure to submit to such chemical test or tests of his breath,
- 417 blood or urine shall result in the suspension of his privilege to
- 418 operate a motor vehicle upon the public streets * * *, roads or
- 419 highways of this state for a period of ninety (90) days if the
- 420 person has not previously been convicted of a violation of Section
- 421 63-11-30, or * * * for a period of one (1) year if the person has
- 422 a prior conviction under Section 63-11-30.
- 423 (4) The traffic ticket, citation or affidavit issued to a
- 424 person arrested for a violation of this chapter shall conform to
- 425 the requirements of Section 63-9-21(3) (b) * * * and, if filed
- 426 electronically, shall conform to Section 63-9-21(8).
- 427 (5) Any person arrested under the provisions of this chapter
- 428 shall be informed that he has the right to telephone for the
- 429 purpose of requesting legal or medical assistance immediately
- 430 after being booked for a violation under this chapter.
- 431 (6) The Commissioner of Public Safety and the Mississippi
- 432 Forensics Laboratory created pursuant to Section 45-1-17 are
- 433 authorized to adopt procedures, rules and regulations applicable
- 434 to the Implied Consent Law.
- 435 **SECTION 6.** Section 63-11-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 436 amended as follows:
- 437 63-11-19. A chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood
- 438 or urine, to be considered valid under the provisions of this
- 439 section, shall have been performed according to methods approved
- 440 by the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory created pursuant to

441	Section 45-1-17 and the Commissioner of Public Safety and
442	performed by an individual possessing a valid permit issued by the
443	Mississippi Forensics Laboratory for making such analysis. The
444	Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Commissioner of Public
445	Safety are authorized to approve satisfactory techniques or
446	methods, to ascertain the qualifications and competence of
447	individuals to conduct such analyses, and to issue permits which
448	shall be subject to termination or revocation at the discretion of
449	the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory. The Mississippi Forensics
450	Laboratory shall not approve the permit required herein for any
451	law enforcement officer other than a member of the State Highway
452	Patrol, an officer of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement
453	Division within the Department of Public Safety, a sheriff or his
454	deputies, a city policeman, an officer of a state-supported
455	institution of higher learning campus police force, a security
456	officer appointed and commissioned pursuant to the Pearl River
457	Valley Water Supply District Security Officer Law of 1978, a
458	national park ranger, a national park ranger technician, a
459	military policeman stationed at a United States military base
460	located within this state other than a military policeman of the
461	Army or Air National Guard or of Reserve Units of the Army, Air
462	Force, Navy or Marine Corps, a marine law enforcement officer
463	employed by the Department of Marine Resources, or a conservation
464	officer employed by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
465	Fisheries and Parks. The permit given a marine law enforcement

466	officer shall authorize such officer to administer tests only for
467	violations of Sections 59-23-1 through 59-23-7. The permit given
468	a conservation officer shall authorize such officer to administer
469	tests only for violations of Sections 59-23-1 through 59-23-7 and
470	for hunting related incidents resulting in injury or death to any
471	person by discharge of a weapon as provided under Section 49-4-31.
472	The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory shall make periodic, but
473	not less frequently than quarterly, tests of the methods, machines
474	or devices used in making chemical analysis of a person's breath
475	as shall be necessary to ensure the accuracy thereof, and shall
476	issue its certificate to verify the accuracy of the same.
477	Without compromising accepted law enforcement standards and
478	methodologies, the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory shall approve
479	for use at least one (1) model of a breath alcohol content
480	instrument that is readily available to law enforcement agencies
481	throughout the state.
482	SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from
483	and after July 1, 2024.