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By: Representative Grady

To: State Affairs; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1508

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI HEROES ACT; TO CREATE THE 2 MISSISSIPPI HEROES SUPPORT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING 3 SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION TO MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BASED ON YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE; TO 4 5 PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT 6 OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 99-19-73, 41-29-181, 99-19-307 AND 63-1-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD ASSESSMENTS TO BE 7 DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 8 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 10 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "The 11 Mississippi Heroes Support Act". 12 SECTION 2. (1) (a) The Mississippi Heroes Support Fund is hereby established. Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) collected under 13 14 subsection (1) of Section 99-19-73, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) collected under subsection (2) of Section 99-19-73, Thirty Dollars 15 16 (\$30.00) collected under subsection (8)(b) of Section 99-19-73, 17 Ten Percent (10%) of monies collected from drug related forfeiture under Section 41-29-181, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) collected 18 19 under Section 99-19-307, Forty Dollars (\$40.00) collected under 20 Section 63-1-43 (1) for Class R and Class D licenses, monies 21 collected from any other source and any other funds made available

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- 22 for deposit into the fund. The fund shall be administered by the
- 23 board created in subsection (2) of this section and shall be made
- 24 available for administration and implementation by the board to
- 25 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies that request
- 26 such monies, based on availability of the funds.
- 27 (b) Only law enforcement officers who meet the
- 28 requirements in this section shall be eligible to receive monies
- 29 from the fund for employment:
- 30 (i) For five (5) consecutive years, an amount
- 31 equal to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00);
- 32 (ii) For ten (10) consecutive years, an amount
- 33 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and
- 34 (iii) For twenty (20) consecutive years, an amount
- 35 equal to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00);
- 36 (c) When calculating the number of years for an award
- 37 under this section, an officer must have uninterrupted and
- 38 continuous service as an active duty law enforcement officer for
- 39 the entire period for which the supplemental pay is requested.
- 40 Only law enforcement officers who have never been terminated or
- 41 suspended for any reason are eligible for payment under this act.
- 42 (2) The fund shall be administered by a board composed of
- 43 five (5) people with no less than four (4) years of professional
- 44 experience in financial investments, banking or money management,
- 45 and appointed as follows:

46	(a)	Two	(2)	people	appointed	by	the	Governor	of	the
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- 47 State of Mississippi;
- 48 (b) One (1) person appointed by the Speaker of the
- 49 Mississippi House of Representatives;
- 50 (c) One (1) person appointed by the Lieutenant
- 51 Governor; and
- 52 (d) One (1) person appointed by the Attorney General.
- 53 (3) The Mississippi Heroes Support Fund is created as a
- 54 special fund in the State Treasury. Monies in the fund shall not
- 55 lapse into the State General Fund at the end of the fiscal year,
- 56 and all interest and other earnings on the monies in the
- 57 Mississippi Heroes Support Fund shall be deposited to the credit
- 58 of the fund. The monies in the fund shall be administered by the
- 59 board created in subsection (2) of this section.
- SECTION 3. Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 61 amended as follows:
- 62 99-19-73. (1) **Traffic violations**. In addition to any
- 63 monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
- 64 shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from
- 65 each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for
- 66 any violation in Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, except
- 67 offenses relating to the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section
- 68 63-11-1 et seq.) and offenses relating to vehicular parking or
- 69 registration:
- 70 FUND AMOUNT

71	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
72	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
73	Vulnerable Persons Training,
74	Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
75	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
76	Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund[Deleted]
77	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
78	Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund
79	(for all moving violations)[Deleted]
80	Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund[Deleted]
81	Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging Fund[Deleted]
82	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
83	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
84	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
85	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
86	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
87	of providing additional compensation for
88	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
89	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
90	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
91	Judicial Performance Fund[Deleted]
92	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
93	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
94	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
95	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]

96	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
97	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
98	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
99	Children's Safe Center Fund[Deleted]
100	DuBard School for Language Disorders Fund[Deleted]
101	Children's Advocacy Centers Fund[Deleted]
102	Judicial System Operation Fund[Deleted]
103	Mississippi Heroes Support Fund30.00
104	* * * State General Fund\$ 90.50
105	<u>TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT</u>
106	(2) Implied Consent Law violations. In addition to any
107	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
108	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from
109	each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or any other penalty
110	for any violation of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section
111	63-11-1 et seq.):
112	FUND
113	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[Deleted]
114	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
115	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
116	Vulnerable Persons Training,
117	Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
118	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
119	Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund[Deleted]
120	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]

121	Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund[Deleted]
122	Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program Fund[Deleted]
123	Federal-State Alcohol Program Fund[Deleted]
124	Mississippi Forensics Laboratory
125	Implied Consent Law Fund[Deleted]
126	Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund[Deleted]
127	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
128	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
129	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
130	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
131	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
132	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
133	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
134	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
135	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
136	of providing additional compensation for
137	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
138	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
139	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
140	Statewide Victims' Information and
141	Notification System Fund[Deleted]
142	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
143	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
144	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
145	Mississippi Heroes Support Fund

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146	* * * State General Fund\$ 243.50
147	TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT263.50
148	(3) Game and Fish Law violations. In addition to any
149	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
150	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from
151	each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for
152	any violation of the game and fish statutes or regulations of this
153	state:
154	FUND
155	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
156	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
157	Vulnerable Persons Training,
158	Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
159	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
160	Hunter Education and Training Program Fund[Deleted]
161	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
162	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
163	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
164	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
165	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
166	of providing additional compensation for district
167	attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
168	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
169	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
170	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]

171	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
172	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
173	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
174	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
175	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
176	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
177	GENERAL FUND\$ 89.00
178	(4) [Deleted]
179	(5) Speeding, reckless and careless driving violations. In
180	addition to any assessment imposed under subsection (1) or (2) of
181	this section, there shall be imposed and collected the following
182	state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine
183	or other penalty for driving a vehicle on a road or highway:
184	(a) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by
185	at least ten (10) miles per hour but not more than twenty (20)
186	miles per hour\$10.00
187	(b) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by
188	at least twenty (20) miles per hour but not more than thirty (30)
189	miles per hour\$20.00
190	(c) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by
191	thirty (30) miles per hour or more\$30.00
192	(d) In violation of Section 63-3-1201, which is the
193	offense of reckless driving\$10.00
194	(e) In violation of Section 63-3-1213, which is the
195	offense of careless driving\$10.00

196	All assessments collected under this subsection shall be
197	deposited into the State General Fund.
198	(6) Other misdemeanors. In addition to any monetary
199	penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be
200	imposed and collected the following state assessment from each
201	person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any
202	misdemeanor violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3)
203	of this section, except offenses relating to vehicular parking or
204	registration:
205	FUND
206	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[Deleted]
207	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
208	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
209	Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
210	and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
211	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
212	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
213	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
214	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
215	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
216	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
217	State Crime Stoppers Fund[Deleted]
218	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
219	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
220	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters

221	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
222	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
223	of providing additional compensation for
224	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
225	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
226	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
227	Judicial Performance Fund[Deleted]
228	Statewide Victims' Information and
229	Notification System Fund[Deleted]
230	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
231	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
232	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
233	Information Exchange Network Fund[Deleted]
234	Motorcycle Officer Training Fund[Deleted]
235	Civil Legal Assistance Fund[Deleted]
236	Justice Court Collections Fund[Deleted]
237	Municipal Court Collections Fund[Deleted]
238	GENERAL FUND\$121.75
239	(7) Other felonies. In addition to any monetary penalties
240	and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and
241	collected the following state assessment from each person upon
242	whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any felony
243	violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this
244	section:
245	FUND

246	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[Deleted]
247	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
248	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
249	Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
250	and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
251	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
252	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
253	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
254	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
255	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
256	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
257	Criminal Justice Fund[Deleted]
258	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
259	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
260	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
261	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
262	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
263	of providing additional compensation for
264	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
265	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
266	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
267	Statewide Victims' Information and
268	Notification System Fund[Deleted]
269	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
270	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]

271	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
272	Forensics Laboratory DNA Identification System Fund[Deleted]
273	GENERAL FUND\$ 280.50
274	(8) Additional assessments on certain violations:
275	(a) Railroad crossing violations. In addition to any
276	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
277	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in
278	addition to all other state assessments due under this section
279	from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty
280	for any violation involving railroad crossings under Section
281	37-41-55, 63-3-1007, 63-3-1009, 63-3-1011, 63-3-1013 or 77-9-249:
282	Operation Lifesaver Fund\$25.00
283	(b) Drug violations. In addition to any monetary
284	penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be
285	imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition
286	to all other state assessments due under this section from each
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	person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any
288	person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any violation of Section 41-29-139:
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	violation of Section 41-29-139:
289	violation of Section 41-29-139: Drug Evidence Disposition Fund\$25.00
289	violation of Section 41-29-139: Drug Evidence Disposition Fund\$25.00 Mississippi Foster Care Fund\$2.00
289 290 291	violation of Section 41-29-139: Drug Evidence Disposition Fund
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296	this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or
297	other penalty for any violation of Section 63-15-4(4) or Section
298	63-16-13(1):
299	Uninsured Motorist Identification Fund:
300	First offense\$200.00
301	Second offense\$300.00
302	Third or subsequent offense\$400.00
303	(9) If a fine or other penalty imposed is suspended, in
304	whole or in part, such suspension shall not affect the state
305	assessment under this section. No state assessment imposed under
306	the provisions of this section may be suspended or reduced by the
307	court.
308	(10) (a) After a determination by the court of the amount
309	due, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to promptly
310	collect all state assessments imposed under the provisions of this
311	section. The state assessments imposed under the provisions of
312	this section may not be paid by personal check.
313	(b) It shall be the duty of the chancery clerk of each
314	county to deposit all state assessments collected in the circuit,
315	county and justice courts in the county on a monthly basis with
316	the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established
317	by the State Auditor. The chancery clerk shall make a monthly
318	lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the
319	circuit, county and justice courts in the county under this

section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and

321	Administration the total number of violations under each
322	subsection for which state assessments were collected in the
323	circuit, county and justice courts in the county during that
324	month.

- 325 It shall be the duty of the municipal clerk of each 326 municipality to deposit all the state assessments collected in the 327 municipal court in the municipality on a monthly basis with the 328 State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by 329 the State Auditor. The municipal clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the 330 331 municipal court in the municipality under this section, and shall 332 report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total 333 number of violations under each subsection for which state 334 assessments were collected in the municipal court in the 335 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 State General Fund or proper special fund in the State Treasury. The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue regulations providing for the proper allocation of these funds.
- 342 (12) The State Auditor shall establish by regulation 343 procedures for refunds of state assessments, including refunds 344 associated with assessments imposed before July 1, 1990, and 345 refunds after appeals in which the defendant's conviction is

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- 346 reversed. The Auditor shall provide in the regulations for
- 347 certification of eligibility for refunds and may require the
- 348 defendant seeking a refund to submit a verified copy of a court
- 349 order or abstract by which the defendant is entitled to a refund.
- 350 All refunds of state assessments shall be made in accordance with
- 351 the procedures established by the Auditor.
- 352 **SECTION 4.** Section 41-29-181, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 353 amended as follows:
- 354 41-29-181. (1) Regarding all controlled substances, raw
- 355 materials and paraphernalia which have been forfeited, the circuit
- 356 court shall by its order direct the Bureau of Narcotics to:
- 357 (a) Retain the property for its official purposes;
- 358 (b) Deliver the property to a government agency or
- 359 department for official purposes;
- 360 (c) Deliver the property to a person authorized by the
- 361 court to receive it; or
- 362 (d) Destroy the property that is not otherwise
- 363 disposed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 41-29-154.
- 364 (2) All other property, real or personal, which is forfeited
- 365 under this article, except as otherwise provided in Section
- 366 41-29-185, and except as provided in subsections (3), (7) and (8)
- 367 of this section, shall be liquidated and, after deduction of court
- 368 costs and the expenses of liquidation, the proceeds shall be
- 369 divided and deposited as follows:

370	(a) In the event only one (1) law enforcement agency
371	participates in the underlying criminal case out of which the
372	forfeiture arises, * * * $\underline{\text{ten percent (10\%)}}$ of the proceeds shall
373	be forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the General
374	Fund of the state, ten percent (10%) of the proceeds shall be
375	forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited and credited to the
376	Mississippi Heroes Support Fund and eighty percent (80%) of the
377	proceeds shall be deposited and credited to the budget of the
378	participating law enforcement agency.
379	(b) In the event more than one (1) law enforcement

- (b) In the event more than one (1) law enforcement agency participates in the underlying criminal case out of which the forfeiture arises, eighty percent (80%) of the proceeds shall be deposited and credited to the budget of the law enforcement agency whose officers initiated the criminal case and twenty percent (20%) shall be divided equitably between or among the other participating law enforcement agencies, and shall be deposited and credited to the budgets of the participating law enforcement agencies. In the event that the other participating law enforcement agencies cannot agree on the division of their twenty percent (20%), a petition shall be filed by any one of them in the court in which the civil forfeiture case is brought and the court shall make an equitable division.
- 392 If the criminal case is initiated by an officer of the Bureau 393 of Narcotics and more than one (1) law enforcement agency 394 participates in the underlying criminal case out of which the

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- 395 forfeiture arises, the proceeds shall be divided equitably between 396 or among the Bureau of Narcotics and other participating law 397 enforcement agencies and shall be deposited and credited to the 398 budgets of the participating law enforcement agencies. In the 399 event that the Bureau of Narcotics and the other participating law 400 enforcement agencies cannot agree on an equitable division of the 401 proceeds, a petition shall be filed by any one of them in the 402 court in which the civil forfeiture case is brought and the court 403 shall make an equitable division.
- 404 (3) All money which is forfeited under this article, except
 405 as otherwise provided by Section 41-29-185, shall be divided,
 406 deposited and credited in the same manner as set forth in
 407 subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) All property forfeited, deposited and credited to the
 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics under this article shall be
 forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in a special fund
 for use by the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics upon appropriation
 by the Legislature.
- of this article shall be sold to the highest and best bidder at a public auction for cash, such auction to be conducted by the chief law enforcement officer of the initiating law enforcement agency, or his designee, at such place, on such notice and in accordance with the same procedure, as far as practicable, as is required in the case of sales of land under execution at law. The proceeds of

420 such sale shall first be applied to the cost and expense in

421 administering and conducting such sale, then to the satisfaction

422 of all mortgages, deeds of trust, liens and encumbrances of record

423 on such property. The remaining proceeds shall be divided,

424 forwarded and deposited in the same manner set out in subsection

425 (2) of this section.

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426 (6) All other property that has been forfeited shall, except

427 as otherwise provided, be sold at a public auction for cash by the

chief law enforcement officer of the initiating law enforcement

429 agency, or his designee, to the highest and best bidder after

430 advertising the sale for at least once each week for three (3)

consecutive weeks, the last notice to appear not more than ten

(10) days nor less than five (5) days prior to such sale, in a

433 newspaper having a general circulation in the jurisdiction in

434 which said law enforcement agency is located. Such notices shall

435 contain a description of the property to be sold and a statement

436 of the time and place of sale. It shall not be necessary to the

437 validity of such sale either to have the property present at the

438 place of sale or to have the name of the owner thereof stated in

439 such notice. The proceeds of the sale shall be disposed of as

440 follows:

441 (a) To any bona fide lienholder, secured party or other

442 party holding an interest in the property in the nature of a

443 security interest, to the extent of his interest; and

444	(b) The balance, if any, remaining after deduction of
445	all storage, court costs and expenses of liquidation shall be
446	divided, forwarded and deposited in the same manner set out in
117	subsection (2) of this section

- 448 (7) (a) Any county or municipal law enforcement agency may 449 maintain, repair, use and operate for official purposes all 450 property, other than real property, money or such property that is described in subsection (1) of this section, that has been 451 452 forfeited to the agency if it is free from any interest of a bona 453 fide lienholder, secured party or other party who holds an 454 interest in the property in the nature of a security interest. 455 Such county or municipal law enforcement agency may purchase the interest of a bona fide lienholder, secured party or other party 456 457 who holds an interest so that the property can be released for its 458 If the property is a motor vehicle susceptible of titling 459 under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Title Law, the law enforcement 460 agency shall be deemed to be the purchaser, and the certificate of 461 title shall be issued to it as required by subsection (9) of this 462 section.
- 463 (b) (i) If a vehicle is forfeited to or transferred to
 464 a sheriff's department, then the sheriff may transfer the vehicle
 465 to the county for official or governmental use as the board of
 466 supervisors may direct.
- 467 (ii) If a vehicle is forfeited to or transferred 468 to a police department, then the police chief may transfer the

- vehicle to the municipality for official or governmental use as
 the governing authority of the municipality may direct.
- 471 (c) If a motor vehicle forfeited to a county or
 472 municipal law enforcement agency becomes obsolete or is no longer
 473 needed for official or governmental purposes, it may be disposed
 474 of in accordance with Section 19-7-5 or in the manner provided by

law for disposing of municipal property.

- 476 The Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics may maintain, 477 repair, use and operate for official purposes all property, other than real property, money or such property as is described in 478 479 subsection (1) of this section, that has been forfeited to the 480 bureau if it is free from any interest of a bona fide lienholder, 481 secured party, or other party who holds an interest in the 482 property in the nature of a security interest. In such case, the 483 bureau may purchase the interest of a bona fide lienholder, 484 secured party or other party who holds an interest so that such
 - The bureau may maintain, repair, use and operate such property with money appropriated to the bureau for current operations. If the property is a motor vehicle susceptible of titling under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Title Law, the bureau is deemed to be the purchaser and the certificate of title shall be issued to it as required by subsection (9) of this section.
- 492 (9) The Department of Revenue shall issue a certificate of 493 title to any person who purchases property under the provisions of

property can be released for use by the bureau.

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- 494 this section when a certificate of title is required under the
- 495 laws of this state.
- 496 **SECTION 5.** Section 99-19-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 497 amended as follows:
- 498 99-19-307. If it is found beyond a reasonable doubt that the
- 499 offense was committed by reason of (a) the actual or perceived
- 500 race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, national origin or
- 501 gender of the victim, or (b) the victim's actual or perceived
- 502 employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter or emergency
- 503 medical technician, then the penalty for the offense may be
- 504 enhanced by punishment for a term of imprisonment of up to twice
- 505 that authorized by law for the offense committed, or a fine of up
- 506 to twice that authorized by law for the offense committed, or
- 507 both. An additional assessment in the amount of One Hundred
- 508 Dollars (\$100.00) for any criminal enhancement committed by reason
- 509 of the victim's actual or perceived employment as a law
- 510 enforcement officer which shall be deposited into the Mississippi
- 511 Heroes Support Fund.
- 512 **SECTION 6.** Section 63-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 513 amended as follows:
- 514 63-1-43. (1) The commissioner shall charge and collect the
- 515 following fees:
- 516 (a) Fees to which the card stock fee authorized in
- 517 Section 45-1-21 shall be added:
- 518 Class R original or renewal four-year license

519	authorized in Section 63-1-5\$ * * * <u>58.00</u>
520	Class R original or renewal eight-year license
521	authorized in Section 63-1-5\$ * * * <u>76.00</u>
522	Class D original or renewal four-year license
523	authorized in Section 63-1-47\$ * * * 63.00
524	Class D original or renewal eight-year license
525	authorized in Section 63-1-47\$ * * * <u>86.00</u>
526	Four-year Identification Card authorized in
527	Section 45-35-7\$11.00
528	Eight-year Identification Card authorized in
529	Section 45-35-7\$22.00
530	Eight-year Identification Card for the blind
531	authorized in Section 45-35-7\$11.00
532	Four-year Disability Identification Card authorized in
533	Section 45-35-53\$11.00
534	Learner's Permit authorized in
535	Section 63-1-21\$ 1.00
536	Duplicate Identification Card or Disability
537	Identification Card\$ 5.00
538	Duplicate Class R or Class D license
539	authorized in Section 63-1-37\$ 5.00
540	Class A, B or C Commercial driver's license
541	authorized in Section 63-1-208\$48.00
542	CDL Learner's Permit authorized in Section 63-1-208\$10.00
543	Duplicate CDL or CDL learner's permit\$ 5.00

544	Ignition-Interlock-Restricted License							
545	authorized in Section 63-11-31\$50.00							
546	(b) Driver services fees to which the card stock fee							
547	authorized in Section 45-1-21 is not added:							
548	Temporary Motorcycle Permit\$ 1.00							
549	Four-year or eight-year Motorcycle Endorsement\$ 5.00							
550	Late Renewal Fee\$ 1.00							
551	Four-year Identification Card upon medical reason for							
552	surrender of a driver's license as authorized in							
553	Section 45-35-7 (one (1) time only)							
554	Hazardous Materials Background Check (federal)\$63.00							
555	Hazardous Materials Background Check (state)\$37.00							
556	CDL Application Fee\$25.00							
557	CDL Endorsements:							
558	Tanker Endorsement\$ 5.00							
559	Doubles/Triples Endorsement\$ 5.00							
560	Passenger Endorsement\$ 5.00							
561	Hazardous Materials Endorsement\$ 5.00							
562	School Bus Endorsement\$ 5.00							
563	(c) In addition to the fees required in this section,							
564	an applicant may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which							
565	shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund. The							
566	applicant shall be informed that he may contribute an additional							
567	One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide							
568	Litter Prevention Fund and shall be expended solely for the							

569	purpose	of	funding	litter	prevention	projects	or	litter	education

- 570 programs, as recommended by the Statewide Litter Prevention
- 571 Program of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.
- 572 (d) Starting January 1, 2021, for any original or
- 573 renewal license for which the fee is greater than Ten Dollars
- 574 (\$10.00), if the applicant brings all required documentation but
- 575 does not receive his or her license within two and one-half
- 576 (2-1/2) hours of entering and remaining at the license station,
- 577 Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be deducted from the total amount owed
- 578 for the license.
- 579 (2) All originals and renewals of operators' licenses shall
- 580 be in compliance with Section 63-1-47.
- 581 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary in
- 582 this section, the commissioner shall waive the driver's license or
- 1883 learner's permit fee for any applicant in the custody of the
- 584 Department of Child Protection Services.
- 585 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 586 and after July 1, 2025.