

By: Senator(s) Norwood, Simmons (12th)

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2707

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN REGISTERED PROVIDERS OF SERVICES FOR
2 HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CERTAIN FILING FEES AND LICENSURE
3 APPLICATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-7-9 AND 63-1-43,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Providers of services for homeless persons

7 registered with a Continuum of Care Program shall be exempted:

8 (a) From the civil filing fees in chancery court for
9 matters relating to the alteration of birth and marriage
10 certificates for homeless persons.

11 (b) From the application fees for driver's licenses,
12 identifications cards, or learner's permits under Section 63-1-43
13 for homeless persons.

14 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
15 amended as follows:

16 **[From and after January 1, 2024, and through December 31,**
17 **2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

18 25-7-9. (1) The clerks of the chancery courts shall charge
19 the following fees:



20 (a) For the act of certifying copies of filed
 21 documents, for each complete document.....\$ 1.00
 22 (b) (i) Recording each deed, will, lease, amendment,
 23 subordination, lien, release, cancellation, order, decree, oath,
 24 etc., per book and page listed where applicable, each deed of
 25 trust, or any other document, for the first five (5)
 26 pages.....\$ 25.00
 27 (ii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00
 28 (c) (i) Recording oil and gas leases, cancellations,
 29 etc., including indexing in general indices; for the first five
 30 (5) pages.....\$ 25.00
 31 (ii) Recording each oil and gas assignment,
 32 amendment of assignment, release, etc., first five (5)
 33 pages.....\$ 25.00
 34 per additional assignee.....\$ 18.00
 35 (iii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00
 36 (iv) Sectional index entries per section or
 37 subdivision lot.....\$ 1.00
 38 (v) Archive fee.....\$ 1.00
 39 (vi) Entering marginal notations, if requested on
 40 document or by cover letter, pertaining to the recording of any
 41 oil and gas document only per book and page.....\$ 4.00
 42 (d) (i) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or
 43 on file:
 44 If performed by the clerk or his employee,



45 per page.....\$.50
46 If performed by any other person,
47 per page.....\$.25
48 (ii) Entering marginal notations on
49 documents of record.....\$ 1.00
50 (e) For attending the board of supervisors' meeting, an
51 annual sum not exceeding.....\$ 2,500.00
52 (f) For other services as clerk of the board of
53 supervisors an allowance shall be made to him (payable
54 semiannually at the July and January meetings) out of the county
55 treasury, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$ 5,500.00
56 (g) For each day's attendance on the chancery court, to
57 be approved by the chancellor:
58 For the first chancellor sitting only, clerk and two (2) deputies,
59 each.....\$ 85.00
60 For the second chancellor sitting, clerk only.....\$ 85.00
61 Provided that the fees herein prescribed shall be the total
62 remuneration for the clerk and his deputies for attending chancery
63 court.
64 (h) On order of the court, clerks and not more than two
65 (2) deputies may be allowed five (5) extra days for each term of
66 court for attendance upon the court to get up records.
67 (i) For public service not otherwise specifically
68 provided for, the chancery court may by order allow the clerk to



69 be paid by the county on the order of the board of supervisors, an
70 annual sum not exceeding.....\$ 5,000.00

71 (j) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the
72 Civil Legal Assistance Fund.....\$ 5.00

73 The chancery clerk shall itemize on the original document a
74 detailed fee bill of all charges due or paid for filing, recording
75 and abstracting same. No person shall be required to pay such
76 fees until same have been so itemized, but those fees may be
77 demanded before the document is recorded.

78 (2) The following fee shall be a total fee for all services
79 performed by the clerk with respect to any civil case filed that
80 includes, but is not limited to, divorce, alteration of birth or
81 marriage certificate, removal of minority, guardianship or
82 conservatorship, estate of deceased, adoption that does not
83 involve the Department of Child Protection Services, land dispute
84 injunction, settlement of small claim, contempt, modification,
85 partition suit, or commitment, which shall be payable upon filing
86 and shall accrue to the chancery clerk at the time of filing. The
87 clerk or his successor in office shall perform all duties set
88 forth without additional compensation or fee.....\$ 85.00

89 (3) For every civil case filed:

90 (a) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the
91 Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section
92 9-21-14.....\$ 10.00

93 (b) An additional fee to be deposited to the



credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in
Section 9-21-45.....\$ 40.00

(4) Cost of process shall be borne by the issuing party.
Additionally, should the attorney or person filing the pleadings
desire the clerk to pay the cost to the sheriff for serving
process on one (1) person or more, or to pay the cost of
publication, the clerk shall demand the actual charges therefor,
at the time of filing.

(5) For each civil case filed including an adoption
involving the Department of Child Protection Services or
alteration of a birth or marriage certificate for homeless persons
under Section 1 of this act, the filing shall be exempt from any
fee under this section.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

25-7-9. (1) The clerks of the chancery courts shall charge
the following fees:

(a) For the act of certifying copies of filed
documents, for each complete document.....\$ 1.00

(b) (i) Recording each deed, will, lease, amendment,
subordination, lien, release, cancellation, order, decree, oath,
etc., per book and page listed where applicable, each deed of
trust, or any other document, for the first five (5)
pages.....\$ 25.00
(ii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00



119 (c) (i) Recording oil and gas leases, cancellations,
 120 etc., including indexing in general indices; for the first five
 121 (5) pages.....\$ 25.00
 122 (ii) Recording each oil and gas assignment,
 123 amendment of assignment, release, etc., first five (5)
 124 pages.....\$ 25.00
 125 per additional assignee.....\$ 18.00
 126 (iii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00
 127 (iv) Sectional index entries per section or
 128 subdivision lot.....\$ 1.00
 129 (v) Archive fee.....\$ 1.00
 130 (vi) Entering marginal notations, if requested on
 131 document or by cover letter, pertaining to the recording of any
 132 oil and gas document only per book and page.....\$ 4.00
 133 (d) (i) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or
 134 on file:
 135 If performed by the clerk or his employee,
 136 per page.....\$.50
 137 If performed by any other person,
 138 per page.....\$.25
 139 (ii) Entering marginal notations on
 140 documents of record.....\$ 1.00
 141 (e) For attending the board of supervisors' meeting an
 142 annual sum not exceeding.....\$ 5,000.00



143 (f) For other services as clerk of the board of
144 supervisors an allowance shall be made to him (payable
145 semiannually at the July and January meetings) out of the county
146 treasury, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$10,000.00

147 (g) For each day's attendance on the chancery court, to
148 be approved by the chancellor:

149 For the first chancellor sitting only, clerk and two (2) deputies,
150 each.....\$ 85.00

151 For the second chancellor sitting, clerk only.....\$ 85.00

152 Provided that the fees herein prescribed shall be the total
153 remuneration for the clerk and his deputies for attending chancery
154 court.

155 (h) On order of the court, clerks and not more than two
156 (2) deputies may be allowed five (5) extra days for each term of
157 court for attendance upon the court to get up records.

158 (i) For public service not otherwise specifically
159 provided for, the chancery court may by order allow the clerk to
160 be paid by the county on the order of the board of supervisors, an
161 annual sum not exceeding.....\$ 5,000.00

162 (j) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the
163 Civil Legal Assistance Fund.....\$ 5.00

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165 detailed fee bill of all charges due or paid for filing, recording
166 and abstracting same. No person shall be required to pay such



fees until same have been so itemized, but those fees may be demanded before the document is recorded.

(2) The following fee shall be a total fee for all services performed by the clerk with respect to any civil case filed that includes, but is not limited to, divorce, alteration of birth or marriage certificate, removal of minority, guardianship or conservatorship, estate of deceased, adoption that does not involve the Department of Child Protection Services, land dispute injunction, settlement of small claim, contempt, modification, partition suit, or commitment, which shall be payable upon filing and shall accrue to the chancery clerk at the time of filing. The clerk or his successor in office shall perform all duties set forth without additional compensation or fee.....\$ 85.00

(3) For every civil case filed:

(a) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section 9-21-14.....\$ 10.00

(b) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in Section 9-21-45.....\$ 40.00

(4) Cost of process shall be borne by the issuing party. Additionally, should the attorney or person filing the pleadings desire the clerk to pay the cost to the sheriff for serving process on one (1) person or more, or to pay the cost of



publication, the clerk shall demand the actual charges therefor,
at the time of filing.

(5) For each civil case filed including an adoption
involving the Department of Child Protection Services or
alteration of a birth or marriage certificate for homeless persons
under Section 1 of this act, the filing shall be exempt from any
fee under this section.

SECTION 3. Section 63-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

63-1-43. (1) The commissioner shall charge and collect the
following fees:

(a) Fees to which the card stock fee authorized in
Section 45-1-21 shall be added:

Class R original or renewal four-year license authorized in Section 63-1-5.....	\$18.00
Class R original or renewal eight-year license authorized in Section 63-1-5.....	\$36.00
Class D original or renewal four-year license authorized in Section 63-1-47.....	\$23.00
Class D original or renewal eight-year license authorized in Section 63-1-47.....	\$46.00
Four-year Identification Card authorized in Section 45-35-7.....	\$11.00
Eight-year Identification Card authorized in Section 45-35-7.....	\$22.00



216 Eight-year Identification Card for the blind
 217 authorized in Section 45-35-7.....\$11.00
 218 Four-year Disability Identification Card authorized in
 219 Section 45-35-53.....\$11.00
 220 Learner's Permit authorized in
 221 Section 63-1-21.....\$ 1.00
 222 Duplicate Identification Card or Disability
 223 Identification Card.....\$ 5.00
 224 Duplicate Class R or Class D license
 225 authorized in Section 63-1-37.....\$ 5.00
 226 Class A, B or C Commercial driver's license
 227 authorized in Section 63-1-208.....\$48.00
 228 CDL Learner's Permit authorized in Section 63-1-208.....\$10.00
 229 Duplicate CDL or CDL learner's permit.....\$ 5.00
 230 Ignition-Interlock-Restricted License
 231 authorized in Section 63-11-31.....\$50.00
 232 (b) Driver services fees to which the card stock fee
 233 authorized in Section 45-1-21 is not added:
 234 Temporary Motorcycle Permit.....\$ 1.00
 235 Four-year or eight-year Motorcycle Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
 236 Late Renewal Fee.....\$ 1.00
 237 Four-year Identification Card upon medical reason for
 238 surrender of a driver's license as authorized in
 239 Section 45-35-7 (one (1) time only).....No fee
 240 Hazardous Materials Background Check (federal).....\$63.00



241 Hazardous Materials Background Check (state).....\$37.00
242 CDL Application Fee.....\$25.00
243 CDL Endorsements:
244 Tanker Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
245 Doubles/Triples Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
246 Passenger Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
247 Hazardous Materials Endorsement.....\$ 5.00
248 School Bus Endorsement.....\$ 5.00

249 (c) In addition to the fees required in this section,
250 an applicant may contribute an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) which
251 shall be deposited into the Statewide Litter Prevention Fund. The
252 applicant shall be informed that he may contribute an additional
253 One Dollar (\$1.00) which shall be deposited into the Statewide
254 Litter Prevention Fund and shall be expended solely for the
255 purpose of funding litter prevention projects or litter education
256 programs, as recommended by the Statewide Litter Prevention
257 Program of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

258 (d) Starting January 1, 2021, for any original or
259 renewal license for which the fee is greater than Ten Dollars
260 (\$10.00), if the applicant brings all required documentation but
261 does not receive his or her license within two and one-half
262 (2-1/2) hours of entering and remaining at the license station,
263 Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be deducted from the total amount owed
264 for the license.



(2) All originals and renewals of operators' licenses shall be in compliance with Section 63-1-47.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary in this section, the commissioner shall waive the driver's license, identification card, or learner's permit fee for any applicant in the custody of the Department of Child Protection Services and for any applicant under Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

