REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-1-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 9 amended as follows:

10 45-1-12. (1) The salaries of all officers of the 11 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who have completed the course of 12 instruction in an authorized highway patrol training school on 13 general law enforcement, and are serving as a sworn officer of the 14 Highway Patrol in the enforcement of the laws of the State of 15 Mississippi, including service in any other division of the 16 Department of Public Safety, and the sworn law enforcement 17 officers of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, shall be 18 determined and paid in accordance with the scale for officers 19 salaries as provided in this subsection:

20 Department of Public Safety Sworn Officers Salary Schedule

21 **Rank**

Years of Experience

24/SS26/SB2285CR.1J PAGE 1 (S)AP (H)A2;AP G1/2 22 Less than 4 Over 4 Over 8 Over 12 23 Trooper *** * ***53,502 24 *** * ***56,636 Trooper FC 25 Corporal *** * ***59,770 Sergeant 26 *** * ***62,904 27 Rank Years of Experience 28 Over 16 Over 20 Over 24 Over 29 29 Staff Sgt. *** * ***66,036 30 Sr. Staff Sgt. *** * ***69,171 31 Sgt. 1st Class * * *<u>72,590</u> *** * ***76,<u>122</u> 32 33 Rank Years of Experience 34 Over 5 Over 10 Over 15 Over 20 Over 25 Over 29 35 Master Sqt. 36 37 69,171 72,305 75,439 78,572 81,706 84,840 38 Lieutenant 39 40 74,633 77,575 80,518 83,460 86,403 89,613 41 Captain 42 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * 43 87,740 90,950 94,160 97,370 100,580 44 Major 45 * * * * * * * * 46 100,580 103,790 107,000 110,210 24/SS26/SB2285CR.1J (S)AP (H)A2;AP PAGE 2 G1/2 47 Lt. Colonel 48 * * * * * * * * * * * 49 110,210 113,420 116,630 119,840 50 Colonel 51 52 53 127,865 127,865 127,865 127,865 54 Department of Public Safety/MS Bureau of Narcotics 55 Sworn Officers Salary Schedule 56 Rank Years of Experience 57 Less than 4 Over 4 Over 8 Over 12 58 LE-Agent I *** * ***50,237 59 LE-Agent II *** * ***53,179 *** * ***56,122 60 LE-Agent III *** ***59,064 61 LE-Agent IV 62 Rank Years of Experience 63 Over 20 Over 24 Over 29 Over 16 64 LE-Agent V *** * ***62,007 65 LE-Agent VI *** * ***64,949 66 Rank Years of Experience 67 Over 7 Over 12 Over 17 Over 22 Over 27 Over 32 68 Lieutenant 69 * * * * * 70 74,633 77<u>,</u>575 80,518 83,460 86,403 89,613 71 Captain 24/SS26/SB2285CR.1J (S)AP (H)A2;AP PAGE 3 G1/2

72 73 87,740 90,950 94,160 97,370 100,580 Major 74 75 76 103,790 100,580 107,000 110,210 77 Lt. Colonel 78 79 110,210 113,420 116,630 119,840 80 Colonel * * 81 82 127,865 127,865 127,865 127,865 83 (2)All sworn officers in the Mississippi Highway Patrol and 84 the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics employed on a full-time basis 85 shall be paid a salary in accordance with the above scale. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any 86 87 rank of any sworn officer not based upon a merit-based promotion 88 or years of experience shall be at the will and pleasure of the 89 appointing authority as approved by the State Personnel Board. 90 The rank and years of experience of each sworn officer to be used 91 in establishing the salary shall be determined by the rank and

92 years of experience on July 1 of the current fiscal year.
93 (3) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the
94 above scale, the following job classifications of the State
95 Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Highway
96 Patrol:

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97	Rank		Job Classes	
98	(a)	Trooper	DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer I
99			LE-Investigator II	
100	(b)	Trooper First Class	DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer II
101			LE-Investigator III	
102	(C)	Corporal	DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer III
103			LE-Investigator IV	
104	(d)	Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer IV
105			LE-Investigator V	
106	(e)	Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer V
107	(f)	Senior Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer VI
108			Tech Spec	
109	(g)	Master Sgt/Sgt. F/C	DPS-Assistant Inspector	
110			DPS-Highway Patrol Offi	cer VII
111			DPS-Investigator I	
112			DPS-Supv. Driver Serv.	
113	(h)	Lieutenant	DPS-Air Operations Offi	cer
114			DPS-Dir. Corr. Intellig	ence
115			DPS-Dist. Executive Off	icer
116			DPS-Regional Supv. Driv	er. Serv.
117			DPS-Branch Director	
118			LE-Dir/Training	
119			LE-Dist. Investigator	
120	(i)	Captain	DPS-Staff Officer (MHP)	
121	(j)	Major	DPS-Bureau Director II	
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24/SS26/SB2285CR.1J PAGE 5 (S)AP (H)A2;AP G1/2 122 (k) Lt. Colonel DPS-Deputy Administrator; 123 DPS-Chief of Staff 124 Colonel/Chief of Patrol Dir-Office of MS Hwy Safety Patrol (1) 125 (4) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the 126 above scale, the following job classifications of the State 127 Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Bureau of 128 Narcotics: 129 Rank Job Classes 130 LE-Agent I (a) Agents 131 LE-Agent II 132 LE-Agent III 133 LE-Agent IV 134 LE-Agent V 135 LE-Agent VI 136 (b) Lieutenant BN-District Investigator (LT) 137 (C) Captain BN-District Commander 138 BN-Bureau Director II (d) Major 139 Office Director I 140 Lt. Colonel BN-Deputy Administrator (e) 141 Colonel Director, Bureau of Narcotics (f) 142 (5) In any fiscal year after July 1, 2015, in the event the 143 Legislature provides across-the-board salary increases to state 144 employees whose compensation is paid from the State General Fund and subject to specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature, 145 146 the State Personnel Board shall revise the salary scale above to

24/SS26/SB2285CR.1J (S)AP (H)A2;AP PAGE 6 G1/2 147 provide the same percentage or dollar amount increase as has been 148 appropriated for other state employees.

149 It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Department of (6) 150 Public Safety to file with the Legislative Budget Office and the 151 State Fiscal Officer such data and information as may be required 152 to enable the said Legislative Budget Office and State Fiscal 153 Officer to budget and distribute the funds necessary to compensate 154 the sworn officers of the Department of Public Safety according to 155 the requirements of the salary scale. Such data and information 156 so filed may be revised from time to time as necessitated to 157 reflect the current number and experience of sworn officers 158 employed by the department.

(7) The Commissioner of Public Safety, with approval by the State Personnel Board, is authorized to set the salaries equitably of sworn law enforcement officers assigned to the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division and Capitol Police based upon the pay scale contained in this section.

164 SECTION 2. Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, which 165 is the provision of law that establishes the "David R. Huggins 166 Act," is hereby repealed.

167 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from 168 and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS; TO REPEAL SECTION 45-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE "DAVID R. HUGGINS ACT"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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