

2011 Mississippi Legislative Session - Department of Insurance - New Laws

HB 367- Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.	Approved 3/16/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Amends § 17-23-1 to allow for an eleventh round of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program.
HB 377 - Health Insurance Exchange Study Committee	Approved 4/26/2011 Effective 7/1/ 2011	Extends the repealer of the Health Insurance Exchange Study Committee to July 1, 2013.
HB 553 - Insurance adjuster; exclude any person who is a multi-peril crop adjuster from definition of .	Approved 3/30/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Starting July 1, 2011, Congress, through the Risk Management Association, will preempt states on a state by state basis as it relates to the licensing requirements for multi-peril crop loss insurance adjusters. In order to prevent preemption, § 83-17-401 has been amended to exclude multi-peril crop loss insurance adjusters from the definition of insurance adjusters.
HB 785 - Surplus lines insurance; revise provisions of law regarding.	Approved 3/11/2011 Effective 3/11/2011	This bill was passed to conform Mississippi's surplus lines laws with the federal Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act ("NRRA") which was signed into law by President Obama on July 21, 2010 as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. The intent of the NRRA is to make the surplus lines market more efficient and uniform on a national basis. This bill amends many of the surplus lines statutes; MID Bulletin 2011-1 highlights the more significant changes of HB 785.
HB 1054 - State Funds; provide for various transfers of.	Approved 4/26/2011 Partial Veto 4/26/2011 Effective 4/26/2011	This bill directs the State Fiscal Officer to transfer certain amounts to the Budget Contingency Fund from the State General Fund and certain special funds, including MID special funds, during fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Section 2 of this bill was vetoed by Governor Barbour.

HB 1199- Mississippi Windstorm Mitigation Coordinating Council; create.	Approved 3/30/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	This bill creates an 11 person Windstorm Mitigation Coordinating Council for the development and implementation of a coordinated and comprehensive approach for windstorm mitigation. This bill also creates a special fund designated the Mississippi Windstorm Mitigation Fund to be used, upon appropriation, for assisting the Council in achieving its stated purpose, including providing grants, developing education programs, providing funds for training local officials, or for providing any other assistance consistent with this purpose.
HB 1216 - Motor vehicles; revise laws regarding towing of and scrapping of.	Approved 3/23/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	A motor vehicle that is located on private property cannot be moved except when authorized by owner or lienholder of vehicle, owner of property upon which motor vehicle is located, or if towing is authorized by other local, state or federal law. This bill also amends § 63-21-39 and repeals § 63-25-13 regarding the purchasing, selling and titling of scrap motor vehicles.
HB 1385- Mississippi Building Code Council; revise authority.	Approved 4/26/2011 Effective 4/26/2011	Reduces the number of Mississippi Building Code Council members to 11 and reconstitutes the Council.
HB 1514 - Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.	Approved 4/6/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Provides the appropriation of funds for the Department of Insurance for FY 2012.
HB 1515 - Appropriation; Fire Academy	Approved 3/23/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Provides the appropriation of funds for the State Fire Academy for FY 2012.
SB 2289- Open Meetings and Public Records Acts; revise imposition of penalties for violation of.	Approved 2/24/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Revises penalties for violations of the Open Meetings and Public Records Acts.
SB 2416 - Vehicle service contracts; provider not required to be named insured under reimbursement policy under certain conditions.	Approved 3/14/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Creates § 83-65-125 which allows a vehicle service contract provider to operate in this state without obtaining a reimbursement policy if the provider or its parent company maintains a net worth of stockholders' equity of 100 million dollars.
SB 2445- "Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act"; extend repealer on and make technical amendments.	Approved 4/26/2011 Effective 4/26/2011	Extends the repealer for the Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act to July 1, 2016, and moves sole regulation and licensure of Pharmacy Benefit Managers to the Board of Pharmacy.

SB 2554 - "Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act"; define data to be maintained on searchable website.	Approved 4/6/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Expands definition of data to be reported on the Mississippi Transparency website to include any expenditure of funds from any source or funds by a state agency.
SB 2742 - Mississippi Rating Bureau; shall publish guidelines for the grading of fire trucks.	Approved 4/6/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Amends § 83-3-24 to require the Rating Bureau to consider the mileage, maintenance and condition of a fire truck rather than the truck's age. Rating Bureau will also establish and publish on its website guidelines for the use of grading fire trucks by January 30th of the calendar year during which the Rating Bureau will apply the guidelines.
SB 2806 - Bail; revise setting bond in city court, bond forfeiture and arrest of principal.	Approved 3/30/2011 Effective 7/1/2011	Amends §§99-5-25 and 99-5-27 to revise the bond forfeiture process. Amends §§ 83-39-3, 83-39-13; 83-39-25; and 83-39-27 to revise the licensing requirements of bail agents.
SB 3085 - Appropriation; State Government Agencies special fund; Additional FY 2011	Approved 4/26/2011 Effective 4/26/2011	Among other appropriations to other state agencies, gives an additional appropriation to the State Fire Academy for the purpose of defraying expenses for the construction and completion of training classrooms for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.