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## SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 2825 • 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

- I. Transfer of weight enforcement from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to Mississippi Department of Public Safety. (effective July 1, 2021)
- II. Increases tolerance for harvest permitted vehicles - Tolerance increased from 5% to 10% (84,000 lbs to 88,000 lbs). Goes into effect July 1, 2023.
- III. Increased fines for excessive weights on operators with harvest permits (Section 19)
  - A. From July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023
    - a. Fine from 84,000 – 90,000 remains 5 cents a pound
    - b. Fine from 90,000 – 100,000 lbs increased from 5 cents a pound to \$1,500
    - c. From 100,000 up increased from 15 cents a pound to:
      - i. First offense \$2,500
      - ii. Second offense within a 12 month period \$3,500
      - iii. Third offense within a 12 month period will result in the loss of the harvest permit for thirty days
  - B. From July 1, 2023 on
    - a. Fine from 88,001 – 89,999 will still be 5 cents a pound
    - b. Fine from 90,000 – 90,999 will be \$500
    - c. Fine from 91,000 – 91,999 will be \$1,000
    - d. Fine from 92,000 – 100,000 will be \$1,500
    - e. From 100,000 up increased from 15 cents a pound to
      - i. First offense \$2,500
      - ii. Second offense within a 12 month period \$3,500
      - iii. Third offense within a 12 month period will result in the loss of the harvest permit for thirty days
- IV. Fixes language to help counties fund roads and bridges related to Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF)
- V. Transfers appeals board from MDOT to the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety
- VI. Harvest Permit Transportation Stewardship Council created
  - a. Meet annually and be ready to give report to the legislature on estimates of weights hauled with harvest permit, content of commodities hauled, estimated delivery period
  - b. Made up of legislative appointees, MDOT, DPS, State Aid, Ag Commissioner, Miss. Forestry Assoc., Miss. Poultry Assoc., Miss. Farm Bureau Federation, Miss. Cattlemen's Assoc., Miss. Loggers Assoc., Miss. Feed & Grain Assoc., Mississippi Trucking Assoc., Delta Council, Miss. Assoc. of Supervisors, Miss. Municipal League.
  - c. Dissolved on July 1, 2023
- VII. Transfers \$89 million in CARES Act funds from MDOT into the ERBRF within MDOT
- VIII. The legislation becomes effective July 1, 2021 unless otherwise noted in the document