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Senate Bills:

SB2077 Income and franchise tax; allow refundable credit for costs of purchasing/installing solar energy system or energy efficiency services. [01/05 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2078 Bonds; authorize general obligation bonds to four lane MS Hwy 24 from Liberty to I-55. [01/05 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2091 Bonds; authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to widen portions of Highway 16 in Kemper County. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2105 Bonds; authorize the issuance of for drainage improvements to Foster Creek in and near the Town of Crosby. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2153 Bonds; authorize the issuance of for storm drainage improvements in the Town of Crosby. [01/09 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2221 Appropriation FY2018; MDOT for three-lane Highway 16 in Kemper County. [01/13 \(S\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

SB2245 Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Fund; authorize the issuance of g.o. bonds for in the amount of \$10,000,000.00. [01/13 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2281 Bonds; create Mississippi Site Development Grant program and authorize bonds for it and various MDA programs. [01/13 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2282 Bonds; increase amount that may be issued to provide funds for the Mississippi Railroad Improvements Fund. [01/13 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2343 Citizens for Economic Development Act; create. [01/16 \(S\) Referred To Finance; Municipalities](#)

SB2384 Public purchasing; require advertisement of bids on the DFA procurement portal. [02/08 \(S\) Passed As Amended](#)

SB2402 Energy services providers; revise laws regarding procedure for public contracts. [02/10 \(S\) Transmitted To House](#)
A reverse repealer was put in this bill because it needs more work. I need to know if this would affect you if your firm does this type of work.

SB2448 Regional economic development alliance; allow all political subdivisions to participate in. [02/02 \(S\) Transmitted To House](#)

SB2567 "Mississippi Health Agency Reorganization Act of 2017"; enact. [02/09 \(S\) Motion to Reconsider Entered](#) Now only has the Department of Mental Health.

SB2572 Inactive state boards, commissions and councils; abolish. [02/03 \(S\) Transmitted To House](#) Inactive Boards and commissions This bill does away with many boards and commissions that don't meet regularly including the Wastewater Advisory Council of which ACEC has a seat. I believe they meet once a year. Lee Jones is our representative

SB2625 Deposit of state agency special funds into the State General Fund; make technical amendments. [02/08 \(S\) Motion to Reconsider Entered](#) This bill takes money from many boards and commissions and puts it in the general fund.

SB2635 Public purchasing; require public entities to provide option for contractors to electronically submit bids for public works. [02/09 \(S\) Transmitted To House](#)

SB2649 State budget; provide for certain transfers. [02/02 \(S\) Transmitted To House](#)

SB2741 Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist Hinds County in construction of the Byram-Clinton Parkway Project. [01/16 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2758 Public works contracts; if contracts funded as result of declared disaster, acknowledgement of laws regarding must accompany bid. [02/06 \(S\) Transmitted To House](#)

SB2846 Requests for proposals; provide standards for state agencies to follow regarding. [02/09 \(S\) Died On Calendar](#)

SB2893 State Capital Infrastructure Fund; require DFA to administer certain infrastructure projects in Jackson funded by. [02/09 \(S\) Died On Calendar](#) (SB1226 Still Alive)

SB 2925 City of Clarksdale; Clarksdale Public Utilities Comm. may be abolished by majority vote of electors voting at a special election. [01/30 \(S\) Referred To Local and Private](#)

SB2928 Appropriation from BP Settlement funds FY 2018; MDA provide matching funds for Mississippi Sound Family Destination Development. [01/30 \(S\) Referred To Appropriations](#)

SB2931 Bonds; authorize the issuance of to assist in the construction of a passenger train depot in Marks, MS. [01/30 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

SB2940 Income tax; authorize a credit for employers who pay the cost of a qualified wellness program. [01/30 \(S\) Referred To Finance](#)

House Bills:

HB25 Highways; require MDOT to install rumble strips along shoulders of newly constructed or resurfaced roadways. [02/03 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB71 Personal Service Contract Review Board; revise timeline to review contracts. [02/02 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB246 Motor vehicle; require to travel at a safe and appropriate rate of speed when approaching certain features on the roadway. [01/19 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB480 Use tax; revise definition of certain terms for purposes of, distribute to municipalities portion of revenue collected from certain out-of-state sellers. [02/07 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#) – Any internet sales tax collected would go to transportation. The split would be 70% MDOT – 30% split between counties and cities. Passed House 79 to 38. We now need you to contact your Senator and ask they support it.

HB709 MS Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. [01/18 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB883 Natural gas public utilities; authorize those that are rate-regulated to undertake economic development activities. [02/03 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB887 Special funds; revise provisions regarding several to require funding from General Fund. [02/03 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB939 Division of State Aid Road Construction; authorize to administer a bridge replacement project on Mississippi Highway 407 in Attala County. [02/09 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB941 Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to. [02/02 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB974 Personnel Board; certain agencies shall be exempt from rules, regulations and procedures of for three years. [02/09 \(H\) Motion to Reconsider Tabled](#)

HB1076 Growth and Prosperity Act; revise certain provisions. [02/08 \(H\) Passed](#) This bill opens up a lot of code sections which has caused concern among a lot of folks, us included. It cuts governmental regulations for economic development in high proverty areas. It was laid on the table in the House (Feb. 1). This passed the House with a reverse repealer because it affects so many folks and there is not a companion bill in the Senate.

HB1101 Energy services providers; revise laws regarding procedure for public contracts. [02/09 \(H\) Passed](#) Legislation that state agencies shall do energy savings programs.

HB1104 Advertisements for competitive bids; require to be posted on the procurement portal website. [02/09 \(H\) Died On Calendar](#)

HB1106 Public contracts; require purchasing entities to allow contractors to submit bids electronically. [02/08 \(H\) Passed As Amended](#)

HB1108 Contractors; require to submit signed agreement acknowledging certain information when submitting a bid. [02/09 \(H\) Died On Calendar](#)

HB1109 Requests for proposals; provide standards for state agencies to follow regarding. [02/08 \(H\) Passed As Amended](#) This is the large, all-encompassing bill that we have spent a lot of time on. We were successful in getting our language prohibiting Reverse Auction in design and construction restored; it was amended on the floor to exempt IHL. MDOT was already exempt.

HB1112 Agency Accountability Review Act of 2017; enact. [02/09 \(H\) Died On Calendar](#)

HB1120 Public purchasing law; reinsert definitions mistakenly deleted in 2016. [02/08 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB1185 Mississippi Public-Private Partnership Act of 2017; create. [02/09 \(H\) Passed](#) This contains construction all codes – will have to watch. Passed on vote 116-6. Nobody understood it.

HB1226 Capitol Complex Improvement District; create and fund improvement projects within. [02/09 \(H\) Passed As Amended](#)

HB1242 Municipal Water, Sewer and Wastewater Systems Repair and Replacement Grant Program; create. [02/06 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB1265 Administrative Procedures Act; revise to require all agency rules adopted under to be repealed after certain time unless readopted. [02/09 \(H\) Died On Calendar](#)

HB1273 Study committee; create to study certain aspects of the Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority. [02/09 \(H\) Died On Calendar](#)

HB1308 Public improvement district; limit amount of contribution agreements with, revise terms and election procedure for board members. [02/02 \(H\) Transmitted To Senate](#)

HB1337 Sales tax; authorize diversion to an unincorporated area of a county within a certain tax increment financing district. [02/09 \(H\) Passed](#) Counties are allowed to participate in the TIFF program when the project is more than \$10 million. When the loan is paid off, all taxes go to the State.

HB1425 Occupational Board Compliance Act of 2017; create. [02/10 \(H\) Motion to Recnsdr Tabled Lost](#) This bill would put our Board of Registration under the Governor (he already appoints the Board Members). The really bothersome thing in this bill is that any change in Rules and Regulations would have to go before the Governor for approval rather than our appointed Board.