

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1578

WHEREAS, in 1938, the Mississippi Motor Carrier Regulatory Law was enacted and is currently codified in Title 77 of Mississippi Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 77-7-16, supervision and inspection of the safe operation and the safe use of equipment of motor vehicles operating in the State of Mississippi shall be a specified duty of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2825 (2021 Regular Session), codified as Mississippi Code Annotated §77-7-330, transferred law enforcement personnel and law enforcement duties relating to the Motor Carrier Regulatory Law to the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Motor Carrier Safety Division was established under the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety in 2005, to promote safe operations of private motor carriers, which includes inspections of motor carrier vehicles and drivers operating both in interstate and intrastate commerce in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Motor Carrier Safety Division works in accordance with the statutes and regulations issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration whose primary mission is to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities involving large trucks and buses; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the Motor Carrier Safety Division, with assistance from the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division, is to reduce the number and severity of crashes, injuries, fatalities and hazardous material spills involving commercial motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, through the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, federal monetary grants are available to states to help reduce the number and severity of accidents and hazardous materials incidents involving commercial motor vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby designate the Mississippi Department of Public Safety as the lead agency to administer a Motor Carrier Safety Program for the State of Mississippi. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Motor Carrier Division, is authorized to apply for funding under the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program to assist with enforcement of the Mississippi Motor Carrier Regulatory Law of 1938. This designation and authorization shall be effective upon execution of this Executive Order and supersedes any prior designation or authorization.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

Tate Reeves

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael Watson

MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE