



BACKGROUND:

Since launching the Tackle the Tape initiative in July of 2020, the Secretary of State’s Office has seen tremendous success in regulation reform. To efficiently review all 118,000+ regulations in Mississippi’s regulatory code, we have outlined a comprehensive strategic plan called 29 by 29. This review plan will serve as a roadmap within the Tackle the Tape initiative with an end goal of reviewing every regulation for all 29 occupational licensing boards and commissions by the year 2029.

PURPOSE:

Review the substance of existing regulations for each of Mississippi’s 29 occupational licensing boards and commissions for compliance with state policy as provided in the Occupational Board Compliance Act of 2017

STATE POLICY:

“For occupational regulations promulgated by occupational licensing boards, it is the policy of the state of Mississippi to:

- a. Increase economic opportunities for all of its citizens by promoting competition and thereby encouraging innovation and job growth; and
- b. Use the least restrictive regulation necessary to protect consumers from present, significant, and substantiated harms that threaten public health and safety.”

STRATEGIC YEARLY PLAN:

YEAR 2022

- MS State Board of Cosmetology
- MS State Board of Barber Examiners
- MS State Board of Architecture

YEAR 2023

- MS Board of Nursing
- MS State Board of Public Accountancy
- MS State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

YEAR 2024

- MS State Board of Pharmacy
- MS Motor Vehicle Commission
- MS State Board of Funeral Service
- MS Board of Contractors

YEAR 2025

- MS State Board of Medical Licensure
- MS Real Estate Commission
- MS Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
- State Board of Registration for Foresters of the State of Mississippi

YEAR 2026

- MS State Board of Dental Examiners
- MS State Board of Physical Therapy
- MS Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board
- MS Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board

YEAR 2027

- MS Board of Massage Therapy
- MS Board of Psychology Examiners
- MS State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- MS Polygraph Examiners Board

YEAR 2028

- MS Board of Veterinary Medicine
- MS Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors
- MS Auctioneer Commission
- MS Board of Registered Professional Geologists

YEAR 2029

- MS State Board of Optometry
- MS Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training
- MS Autism Board

29 by 29 Partners:

1. Empower Mississippi
2. Mercatus Center @ George Mason University
3. Americans For Prosperity Mississippi (AFP)
4. Mississippi Center for Public Policy (MCPPE)
5. The Heritage Foundation
6. American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
7. John C. Stennis Institute of Government @ Mississippi State
8. Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA)



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