

By: Senator(s) Branning

To: Highways and
Transportation; Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2646

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 63-5-51.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE
3 ANNUAL BLANKET PERMITS FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTING COMMODITIES IN
4 SEALED CONTAINERIZED CARGO UNITS FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT FROM A
5 PORT; TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ANNUAL BLANKET
6 PERMIT; TO PROVIDE THE FEE FOR AN ANNUAL BLANKET PERMIT; TO ALLOW
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMULGATE RULES REGARDING THE
8 ISSUANCE OF A BLANKET PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
11 63-5-51.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 63-5-51.1. (1) In addition to other permits authorized to
13 be issued for non-divisible overweight loads, the Department of
14 Transportation is authorized to issue annual blanket permits for
15 vehicles transporting commodities in sealed containerized cargo
16 units for export or import moving to or from a port.

17 (2) An annual blanket permit may be issued for a pulling
18 unit transporting a sealed container having a maximum gross
19 vehicle weight of ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds with a
20 maximum tandem axle weight of forty-four thousand (44,000) pounds.
21 The fee for an annual blanket permit shall be Five Hundred Dollars



22 (\$500.00), and the permit shall expire one (1) year from the date
23 of issuance.

24 (3) An annual permit shall be maintained in the pulling unit
25 and available for inspection along with a copy of the
26 international billing lading. Vehicles permitted for movement of
27 overweight sealed containerized units are authorized for
28 twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week continuous
29 movement.

30 (4) The Department of Transportation may establish rules and
31 regulations for the issuance of such blanket permits.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2024.

