

# MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Membership in MMA supports our legislative efforts and leads to continued success at the Capitol. The membership department also serves as a central source of information and assistance in areas of industrial management. MMA conducts seminars and workshops to keep our members up to date on federal and state laws, regulations and operating techniques. MMA is the only source of information on statewide labor union activity. If you would like to become a member, contact Shannon Hillman at [shannon@mma-web.org](mailto:shannon@mma-web.org).

## INSURANCE SERVICES

MMA operates two insurance programs to help qualified members meet their insurance requirements. MMA Insurance Services offers Property & Casualty coverages such as workers' compensation, property, auto liability, general liability, product liability and umbrella coverage. Our Group Insurance Trust offers: group health, life, dental, vision, long & short term disability and telemedicine. For additional information, please visit our website for more detail or contact Renee Johnson at [renee@mma-web.org](mailto:renee@mma-web.org).

## MMA'S MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (MMA-MEP)

MMA-MEP is a non-profit organization that helps Mississippi manufacturers to be globally competitive. With our manufacturing experts and network of industry resources, we provide the change that makes the significant difference between surviving and thriving. Our community college and university-based MEP Mississippi Centers provide small- and medium-sized manufacturers the tools to innovate, create and retain jobs, increase profits, and save time and money.

For almost 70 years, the MMA has been the clear and united voice of industry in the Magnolia State. Representing more than 2,800 manufacturers, processors and distributors, MMA is an unrelenting advocate for Mississippi's manufacturing community and acts as a central source of information and assistance in industrial management.

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## LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURERS

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Mississippi Manufacturers Association



Over the past two legislative terms, the Mississippi Manufacturers Association has seen enormous success on the policy front. With more business-friendly legislators filling the state Capitol than ever before, the MMA has been able to use their influence to affect real change that has helped manufacturers across the state. The legislature has passed meaningful business tax reductions, economic development packages, workforce training enhancements and rolled back regulations that keep our companies from being competitive. As the 2019 elections near, keep in mind how much has been achieved with the election of those who value the importance of manufacturing to Mississippi.



## TAXES

### Franchise Tax Phase-Out

- Exempts first \$100,000 of value of capital or property (2018)
- Reduces franchise tax by .25 cents each year (2019-2027)
- Franchise tax fully phased out by 2028

### Corporate Income Tax Phase-Out

- 3% corporate income tax bracket phased-out over 5 years (2018-2022).
- Also phases in self-employment tax deduction on state returns (2017-2019).

### Elimination of the 1.5% sales tax on energy used in the manufacturing process (2014)

### Inventory Tax Credits (2012)

### Reduction of sales tax on energy used in Enhanced Oil Recovery from 7% to 1.5% (2013)

### Clarified Free Port Warehouse Exemption to include warehouses that house materials to be transported to one other facility for further processing before being shipped out of state (2018).

### Exempted sales tax on helicopters sold in MS, but registered out of state (2018).

### Eliminated 3% sales tax on truck-tractors and semitrailers used in interstate commerce (2014).

### MS Taxpayer Fairness Act (2014)

### Headquarter Relocation Tax Credit (2014).

**27%** THE AVERAGE MANUFACTURING JOB PAYS 27% MORE THAN THE MISSISSIPPI AVERAGE

## WORKFORCE

### Reduced minimum Unemployment Insurance premium from 0.2% to 0.0% (2016)

- Saves employers \$16-20 M a year

### Created "Mississippi Works" Fund focused on new jobs and job retention (2016)

- Provides \$10M the first year, \$5M each year thereafter

### Workforce Enhancement Act- strengthened the State Workforce Investment Board (2014)

### Workers Compensation Reform Act (2012)



## LEGAL REGULATORY

### Harvest Permit Modifications (2018)

- Allowed permit holders to carry their load from the field to the processing plant, even if they stop at a holding facility first.
- Increased the axle tolerance from 5% to 10%

### Craft Beer Modernization (2017)

- Allowed brewers to sell their products on-site directly to consumers and allowed for sales for off-site consumption.

### Trespass Liability (2016)

- Limited the burden of private property owners from civil liability for injuries to trespassers sustained on their property.

### Capped appeal bonds at the amount of judgement, but not to exceed 50% of the appellant's net worth

- Can never exceed \$35M

### Limited MS Dept. of Revenue to 36 months for audits to remain open (2012)

### Included scrap metal recycling in the definition of manufacturing- those recyclers are now eligible for all incentives available to manufacturers (2013)

### Amended MS Products Liability Act to include designers of a product (2014)

### Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act (2012/2016)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Ingalls Shipbuilding Bonds (2015-2019)

- \$200M over 5 years for upgrades to the state owned shipyard. State investment matched by Ingalls 2 to 1.

### Fee-In-Lieu Agreements (2018)

#### Projects

- Yokohama Tire
- Viking Range
- TopShip
- Cooper Tire
- Continental Tire

THE MANUFACTURING ECONOMY IN MS SUPPORTS MORE THAN 1/3 OF ALL JOBS IN THE STATE'- DIRECT & INDIRECT

