

By: Representatives Foster, Barnett (92nd), To: Appropriations  
Bowles, Broomfield, Coleman (29th), Denny,  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1613  
(As Sent to Governor)

1       AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

5       SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 Treasury to the credit of the Public Service Commission Regulation  
8 Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi  
9 Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
10 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....  
11 ..... \$       7,917,430.00.

12       SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
13 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
14 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
15 expenditure:

16       MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

17       Personal Services:

18               Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$       5,007,298.00
19               Travel and Subsistence.....	570,000.00
20               Contractual Services.....	1,315,606.00
21               Commodities.....	370,110.00
22       Capital Outlay:	
23               Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
24               Equipment.....	646,416.00
25               Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>8,000.00</u>
26               Total.....	\$       7,917,430.00

27       AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

28	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	111
29		Part Time. . . . .	1
30	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	0
31		Part Time. . . . .	0

32 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal  
 33 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be  
 34 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the  
 35 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any  
 36 conditions placed on such expenditures:

37 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
 38 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
 39 appropriated herein.

40 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
 41 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
 42 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
 43 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
 44 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
 45 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
 46 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

47 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end  
 48 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall  
 49 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
 50 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
 51 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
 52 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
 53 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
 54 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
 55 effective the date of the rating.

56 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
 57 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
 58 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
 59 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
 60 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

61 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with

62 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

63 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
64 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
65 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
66 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

67 SECTION 3. None of the funds herein appropriated by this act  
68 to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose  
69 that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of  
70 the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission  
71 that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state  
72 or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or  
73 federal law.

74 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
75 Public Service Commission shall have the authority to escalate and  
76 expend funds from any proceeds arising from participation in drug  
77 seizure activities not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars  
78 (\$50,000.00), in accordance with the rules and regulations of the  
79 Department of Finance and Administration.

80 SECTION 5. Funds are provided in this act for the  
81 reallocation of PIN 0117 from Purchasing Chief to Division  
82 Director I not to exceed Eight Thousand Six Hundred dollars  
83 (\$8,600.00).

84 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that with  
85 the funds provided herein, overtime may be paid to PSC-Enforcement  
86 Office Regulated Carrier positions, the PSC-Enforcement Officer  
87 Chief position, PSC-Enforcement Officer District Supervisor  
88 positions, PSC-Special Projects Officer IV position, and  
89 PSC-Training Director position.

90 SECTION 7. With the funds provided herein, it is the  
91 intention of the Legislature to establish a new job classification  
92 of PSC-Enforcement Officer Regulated Carrier positions, as  
93 approved by the State Personnel Board.

94 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
95 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the

96 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
97 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
98 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
99 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.  
100 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
101 and after July 1, 1999.