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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1635  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOR  
3 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 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.  
10 ..... \$ 15,643,937.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of  
14 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which is comprised of special source  
15 funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for  
16 the support and maintenance of the department, for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....  
18 ..... \$ 43,209,922.00.

19 The following sum, which is included in the sum appropriated  
20 above in this section, is hereby appropriated out of the state  
21 excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products to  
22 the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund for the fiscal year beginning  
23 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$6,000,000.00.

24 The State Tax Commission is hereby directed to set aside the  
25 amount of this appropriation or any part thereof at any time it  
26 sees fit, out of any collections of taxes upon gasoline, oil and  
27 other petroleum products, and to deduct the amounts so set aside

28 from such funds before making distribution thereof. However,  
29 provisions shall first be made for the Highway Bonds Sinking Fund,  
30 as required under the provisions of Chapter 130, Laws of 1938, and  
31 any amendments thereto, and Section 27-5-101, Mississippi Code of  
32 1972.

33 Any funds available in the Wildlife Heritage Fund may be  
34 expended by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as  
35 authorized by law during Fiscal Year 2000.

36 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
37 Section 2 and allocated in Section 5 to the Bureau of Wildlife and  
38 Fisheries, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand  
39 Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$125,335.00) shall be derived  
40 from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections  
41 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose  
42 of defraying the expenses of Project WILD for Fiscal Year 2000.

43 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
44 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
45 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Gulf and  
46 Wildlife Protection Fund, not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty  
47 Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purpose of preservation,  
48 protection, conservation, and acquisition of waters, land and  
49 wildlife of this state.

50 SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
51 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall  
52 be expended for the respective major objects of such divisions:

53 DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

54 BUREAU OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

55 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

56 Personal Services:

57	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$	21,763,382.00
58	Travel and Subsistence.....	249,569.00
59	Contractual Services.....	5,561,971.00
60	Commodities.....	3,239,570.00
61	Capital Outlay:	
62	Other Than Equipment.....	1,030,900.00
63	Equipment.....	2,349,820.00
64	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>816,140.00</u>
65	Total..... \$	35,011,352.00

66 FUNDING:

67 General Funds..... \$ 3,999,606.00

68 Special Funds..... 31,011,746.00

69 Total..... \$ 35,011,352.00

70 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

71 Permanent: Full Time. . . . . 508

72 Part Time. . . . . 26

73 Time-Limited: Full Time. . . . . 37

74 Part Time. . . . . 0

75 BUREAU OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

76 MOTOR VEHICLE SECTION

77 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

78 Personal Services:

79 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 0.00

80 Travel and Subsistence..... 0.00

81 Contractual Services..... 0.00

82 Commodities..... 0.00

83 Capital Outlay:

84 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00

85 Equipment..... 1,521,500.00

86 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 0.00

87 Total..... \$ 1,521,500.00

88 FUNDING:

89 General Funds..... \$ 0.00

90 Special Funds..... 1,521,500.00

91 Total..... \$ 1,521,500.00

92 Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished

93 an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Dollars

94 (\$450.00) per annum.

95 Provided further, when any personnel of the Bureau of

96 Wildlife and Fisheries are transferred from one county to another

97 on a permanent assignment, the expense monies now paid on

98 out-of-county duty shall not be applicable.

99 DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

100 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

101 Personal Services:

102	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	9,572,193.00
103	Travel and Subsistence.....		99,466.00
104	Contractual Services.....		4,848,633.00
105	Commodities.....		1,234,163.00
106	Capital Outlay:		
107	Other Than Equipment.....		1,200,000.00
108	Equipment.....		1,077,717.00
109	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>1,214,419.00</u>
110	Total.....	\$	19,246,591.00

111 FUNDING:

112	General Funds.....	\$	9,500,642.00
113	Special Funds.....		<u>9,745,949.00</u>
114	Total.....	\$	19,246,591.00

115 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

116	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	291
117		Part Time. . . . .	242
118	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	0
119		Part Time. . . . .	0

120 Of the funds authorized to be expended by the Bureau of  
121 Fisheries and Wildlife, not more than One Million Three Hundred  
122 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,315,000.00) shall be expended by the  
123 Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife to defray the costs of the  
124 Division of Parks and Recreation of the Department of Wildlife,  
125 Fisheries and Parks.

126 It is the intention of the Legislature that a reasonable  
127 number of Conservation Officers, Conservation Officer Supervisors,  
128 District Managers, Area Managers, and Lake Managers shall be  
129 employed and/or detailed to both temporary and permanent job  
130 assignments in areas other than their county of residence.

131 MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

132 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

133 Personal Services:

134	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	1,187,316.00
135	Travel and Subsistence.....		32,700.00
136	Contractual Services.....		1,162,470.00
137	Commodities.....		297,650.00
138	Capital Outlay:		
139	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
140	Equipment.....		294,280.00
141	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>100,000.00</u>
142	Total.....	\$	3,074,416.00

143 FUNDING:

144	General Funds.....	\$	2,143,689.00
145	Special Funds.....		<u>930,727.00</u>
146	Total.....	\$	3,074,416.00

147 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

148	Permanent:	Full Time. . . . .	28
149		Part Time. . . . .	1
150	Time-Limited:	Full Time. . . . .	4
151		Part Time. . . . .	0

152 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal  
153 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be  
154 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the  
155 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any  
156 conditions placed on such expenditures:

157 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan  
158 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds  
159 appropriated herein.

160 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable  
161 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all  
162 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous  
163 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One  
164 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to  
165 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand  
166 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

167 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end

168 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall  
169 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any  
170 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a  
171 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the  
172 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently  
173 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above  
174 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase  
175 effective the date of the rating.

176 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds  
177 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal  
178 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for  
179 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the  
180 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

181 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive  
182 Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may  
183 transfer between the various divisions authorized herein both  
184 funds and positions not to exceed five percent (5%) of the  
185 authorized budgets in the aggregate. The Executive Director of  
186 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall submit  
187 written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget  
188 Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or  
189 before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of  
190 the transfer.

191 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
192 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

197 SECTION 6. The board of supervisors of any county or any  
198 group or combination of counties are hereby authorized and  
199 empowered to enter into cooperative agreements with each other and  
200 with the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the  
201 purpose of creating, improving or restoring public game and fish

202 habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within such  
203 county or in an adjoining county; and each county is empowered and  
204 authorized, in its discretion, to expend a sum not exceeding One  
205 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general county  
206 fund for such purposes from which fund they shall reimburse to the  
207 Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the actual cost of all  
208 surveying and engineering projects incurred by the Department of  
209 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental thereto. Such boards of  
210 supervisors are further authorized and empowered, in their  
211 discretion, to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the  
212 purposes of this act with any other county, the United States  
213 Forest Service or any other agency if same should be necessary for  
214 the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for such purposes.  
215 The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to  
216 lease all woodlands now existing on the O'Keefe Division of the  
217 Department of Corrections for use of a game preserve and refuge,  
218 upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by  
219 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Department  
220 of Corrections.

221 SECTION 7. The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
222 is hereby directed to keep an exact accounting of the funds  
223 received during each fiscal year by fund and source and an exact  
224 accounting of how these funds were expended by fund and  
225 program/division. Such information shall be provided to the House  
226 and Senate Appropriations Chairmen, Chairman of the House Game and  
227 Fish Committee and Chairmen of the Senate Wildlife and Fisheries  
228 and Senate Ports and Marine Resources Committee no later than  
229 October 1 following the end of the fiscal year.

230 SECTION 8. The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
231 is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Pearl River  
232 Valley Water Supply District to provide for financial support of  
233 an additional conservation officer on and around the Ross Barnett  
234 Reservoir.

235 The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to

236 escalate the budget of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and  
237 Parks for this purpose.

238 SECTION 9. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or  
239 other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of  
240 any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of  
241 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for  
242 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of  
243 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

244 It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles  
245 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply  
246 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

247 SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
248 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
249 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from any source, not  
250 to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), that may  
251 become available to the department in accordance with the rules  
252 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration.  
253 None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to  
254 increase the major object of expenditure "Salaries, Wages and  
255 Fringe Benefits."

256 SECTION 11. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
257 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
258 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
259 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
260 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
261 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
262 performance measures provided below:

	FY00
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries--Support	
Hunting and fishing licenses (licenses)	520,000
Registration of boats (boats)	80,000
Freshwater Fisheries Management	
Fish stock for public water (fish)	3,200,000



270	Users of DWFP lakes (man days)	70,000
271	Game Management	
272	DMAP Cooperators	950
273	DWFP management for hunters (man days)	185,000
274	Law Enforcement	
275	Hunter and boater education (persons)	20,000
276	Beaver Control	
277	Damage prevented (dollars)	2,000,000
278	Motor Vehicle Fund	
279	Vehicles purchased (vehicles)	74
280	Used vehicle sales (vehicles)	62
281	Parks and Recreation	
282	Overnight accommodations (persons)	672,313
283	Water related services (persons)	95,169
284	Day use services (persons)	3,391,061
285	Facilities repair projects (projects)	3,911
286	Historical and nature services (persons)	88,911
287	Museum of Natural Science	
288	Information provided (participants)	260,000
289	Participants in museum projects (persons)	200,000

290 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
291 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
292 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
293 Committee for Fiscal Year 2001.

294 SECTION 12. In order to be in compliance with Sections  
295 63-1-74 through 63-1-79, funds are herein provided and may be  
296 expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay  
297 the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees  
298 and/or to reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the  
299 course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold  
300 a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

301 SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
302 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
303 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Mississippi

304 Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of  
305 Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) as authorized in Section  
306 57-61-32 (1), Mississippi Code of 1972. Such funds are to be used  
307 to defray the cost of constructing a North Mississippi Fish  
308 Hatchery.

309 SECTION 14. Of the funds provided herein, Two Hundred Fifty  
310 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided to the Department of  
311 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks above the FY99 level to be expended  
312 on Wildlife Management Areas, with Fifty Thousand Dollars  
313 (\$50,000.00) of this amount for Caney Creek Wildlife Management  
314 Area equipment building and pavilion and Fifty Thousand Dollars  
315 (\$50,000.00) for Hell's Creek Wildlife Management Area creek  
316 crossing on the field trail courses, and Twenty-five Thousand  
317 Dollars (\$25,000.00) for Black Prairie Wildlife Management Area  
318 creek crossings on the field trail courses.

319 SECTION 15. Of the funds provided herein, One Million Fifty  
320 Thousand Dollars (\$1,050,000.00) is provided to the Department of  
321 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for infrastructure at state parks,  
322 with Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) of this amount for repairs  
323 and renovations to Carver's Point Lodge at Hugh White State Park.

324 SECTION 16. Of the funds provided herein, One Hundred Fifty  
325 Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) is provided to the Department of  
326 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the enhancement of marketing of  
327 state parks.

328 SECTION 17. Of the funds provided herein, Sixty Thousand  
329 Dollars (\$60,000.00) is provided to the Department of Wildlife,  
330 Fisheries and Parks for a facilities coordinator at Roosevelt  
331 State Park.

332 SECTION 18. Of the funds provided herein, Two Hundred  
333 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided to the Department of  
334 Wildlife, Fisheries and parks for transfer to the Mississippi  
335 Authority for Educational Television for a mobile digital  
336 production vehicle.

337 SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by

338 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
339 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
340 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
341 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
342 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

343 SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
344 and after July 1, 1999.