

By: Senator(s) Hall, Burton, Stogner, Jordan To: Appropriations
(18th), Kirby, Mettetal, Posey, White (5th)

SENATE BILL NO. 3143

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE,
3 GRAIN DIVISION AND THE MISSISSIPPI AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE
4 FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and
10 Commerce Support and Grain Division for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 8,777,464.00.

12 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special
14 source funds, which are collected by or otherwise become available
15 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department
16 of Agriculture and Commerce, for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000.....
18 \$ 2,158,900.00.

19 The funds authorized for expenditure under the provisions of
20 this section include subscription fees produced from the Market
21 Bulletin and admission fees produced from the Mississippi
22 Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

23 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
24 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
25 be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
26 expenditure:

27 SUPPORT

28 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

29 Personal Services:

30	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	6,864,618.00
31	Travel and Subsistence.....		268,980.00
32	Contractual Services.....		1,131,974.00
33	Commodities.....		388,057.00
34	Capital Outlay:		
35	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
36	Equipment.....		1,220,292.00
37	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>394,947.00</u>
38	Total.....	\$	10,268,868.00

39 FUNDING:

40	General Funds.....	\$	8,109,968.00
41	Special Funds.....		<u>2,158,900.00</u>
42	Total.....	\$	10,268,868.00

43 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

44	Permanent:	Full Time.	174
45		Part Time.	12
46	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	16
47		Part Time.	0

48 GRAIN DIVISION:

49 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

50 Personal Services:

51	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	568,343.00
52	Travel and Subsistence.....		12,000.00
53	Contractual Services.....		35,828.00
54	Commodities.....		14,875.00
55	Capital Outlay:		
56	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
57	Equipment.....		36,200.00
58	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>250.00</u>
59	Total.....	\$	667,496.00

60 FUNDING:

61	General Funds.....	\$	667,496.00
62	Special Funds.....		<u>0.00</u>
63	Total.....	\$	667,496.00

64 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

65	Permanent:	Full Time.	24
66		Part Time.	1
67	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
68		Part Time.	0

69 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
70 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
71 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
72 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
73 conditions placed on such expenditures:

74 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
75 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
76 appropriated herein.

77 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
78 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
79 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
80 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
81 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
82 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
83 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

84 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
85 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
86 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
87 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a
88 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
89 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
90 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
91 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
92 effective the date of the rating.

93 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds

94 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
95 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
96 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
97 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

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

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

104 SECTION 4. The funds appropriated and authorized to be
105 expended under the provisions of this act shall be expended for
106 the purpose of defraying all expenses incurred by the State
107 Department of Agriculture and Commerce in the operation of all
108 programs and activities (except operation of the State Lime Plants
109 and the Division of Plant Industry, Veterinary Laboratory, Pink
110 Bollworm-Plant Quarantine Inspection Stations and Fire Ant
111 Program) authorized to be conducted and carried on by said
112 department; including, but not limited to: the administration of
113 the Feed, Fertilizer and Dairy Act; the Weights and Measure Act;
114 the Meat Inspection Act of 1968; the Mississippi Pure Seed Law;
115 and the following additional programs and activities: enforcement
116 of the egg law; publication and distribution of the Mississippi
117 Market Bulletin, agricultural statistics, market news service at
118 Stoneville, Mississippi; operation of the grain laboratory;
119 inspection, grading and certifying of fruits, vegetables, hay,
120 grain, meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, pecans,
121 seed, syrup, and port grain inspection.

122 SECTION 5. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and
123 Commerce shall from time to time adjust the schedule of fees
124 collected under the grain inspection program so that the revenue
125 therefrom equals or exceeds the operational costs of the grain
126 inspection program and the expenses incurred in complying with the

127 requirements of the United States Grain Standards Act, P. L.
128 94-583.

129 SECTION 6. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and
130 Commerce, with the assistance of the State Department of Audit and
131 the Department of Finance and Administration, shall establish non-
132 budgeted enterprise funds for all "for profit" activities related
133 to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. The funds
134 shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted
135 accounting principles and regulations prescribed by the Department
136 of Finance and Administration.

137 SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that any
138 regulations promulgated by the State Department of Agriculture and
139 Commerce concerning the labeling of liming materials include the
140 actual analysis of said lime. Nothing in the regulations shall
141 prevent any manufacturer from selling his products to any consumer
142 as long as the labeling is accurate.

143 SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
144 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
145 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of
146 Agriculture and Commerce for the support of the Beaver Control
147 Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
148 June 30, 2000..... \$ 500,000.00.

149 SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
150 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
151 Treasury to the credit of the Beaver Control Program, to the
152 Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the support of the
153 Beaver Control Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999,
154 and ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 402,216.00.

155 The special funds authorized in this Section for the Beaver
156 Control Program are to be derived as follows: Two Hundred Twenty-
157 seven Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars (\$227,608.00) from
158 counties; One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Six Hundred Eight
159 Dollars (\$174,608.00) from fees charged private

160 persons/organizations.

161 SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
162 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
163 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
164 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
165 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
166 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

167 SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from
168 and after July 1, 1999.