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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3162
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Veterans Affairs
8 Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending
9 June 30, 2000..... \$ 2,037,953.00.

10 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
12 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans Affairs
13 Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
14 otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance
15 of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and
16 ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 19,922,165.00.

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

21 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

22 Personal Services:

| | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 23 | Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. | \$ 2,620,513.00 |
| 24 | Travel and Subsistence..... | 70,000.00 |
| 25 | Contractual Services..... | 18,145,783.00 |
| 26 | Commodities..... | 738,822.00 |

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|----|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 27 | Capital Outlay: | |
| 28 | Other Than Equipment..... | 200,000.00 |
| 29 | Equipment..... | 185,000.00 |
| 30 | Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... | <u>0.00</u> |
| 31 | Total..... | \$ 21,960,118.00 |

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| 32 | FUNDING: | |
| 33 | General Funds..... | \$ 2,037,953.00 |
| 34 | Special Funds..... | <u>19,922,165.00</u> |
| 35 | Total..... | \$ 21,960,118.00 |

36 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

| | | | |
|----|---------------|--------------------|----|
| 37 | Permanent: | Full Time. | 85 |
| 38 | | Part Time. | 0 |
| 39 | Time-Limited: | Full Time. | 0 |
| 40 | | Part Time. | 0 |

41 From the funds provided in the budget category "Personal
42 Services: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits," funds may be
43 expended for the following purposes, in compliance with the
44 policies established by the State Personnel Board and any
45 conditions placed on such expenditures:

46 (a) The components of the Variable Compensation Plan
47 shall be maintained within the constraints of the funds
48 appropriated herein.

49 (b) Funds are provided to adjust the Variable
50 Compensation Plan, including realignment, to ensure that all
51 full-time employees with at least six (6) months of continuous
52 current service, as of June 30, 1999, receive an increase of One
53 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Funds are provided to
54 adjust critical job classes up to an additional One Thousand
55 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

56 (c) If an employee is currently at or above the end
57 salary for his or her job classification, then the increase shall
58 be built into the employee's base salary. To be eligible for any
59 increase authorized in this section, employees may not have a

60 current performance rating below "meets expectations" as of the
61 effective date of the increase. Employees who subsequently
62 receive a performance rating of "meets expectations" or above
63 during Fiscal Year 2000 shall receive the salary increase
64 effective the date of the rating.

65 It is the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds
66 required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal
67 Year 2001 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2000 funds appropriated for
68 that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the
69 agency's budget by the Mississippi Legislature.

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

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

76 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
77 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, funds in
78 the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are
79 provided to defray the cost of providing care to
80 indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans in the state veterans
81 homes. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited
82 as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

83 SECTION 5. Funds are provided in this act to reallocate PIN
84 35 from Secretary to Administrative Assistant II at an annualized
85 cost not to exceed Three Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars
86 (\$3,702.00); PIN 37 from Secretary to Administrative Assistant II
87 at an annualized cost not to exceed Three Thousand Eight Hundred
88 Seven Dollars (\$3,807.00); PIN 39 from Secretary to
89 Administrative Assistant II at an annualized cost not to exceed
90 Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$3,354.00); and
91 PIN 41 from Secretary to Administrative Assistant II at an
92 annualized cost not to exceed Four Thousand Two Hundred

93 Seventy-six Dollars (\$4,276.00).

94 SECTION 6. Funds are provided in this act for six (6) new
95 positions to be established as follows: One (1) Administrative
96 Assistant II, four (4) Nurse Practitioners, and one (1) WAN
97 Administrator.

98 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
99 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
100 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
101 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
102 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
103 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

104 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from
105 and after July 1, 1999.