

By: Senator(s) Hall, Burton, Gollott, White To: Appropriations
(5th), Carter, Minor, Moffatt, Ross, Simmons,
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SENATE BILL NO. 3177
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR
3 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 Mississippi Workers' Compensation
8 Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by
9 said commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and
10 ending June 30, 2000..... \$ 5,299,999.00.

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

15 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

16 Personal Services:

17	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 3,538,763.00
18	Travel and Subsistence.....	165,468.00
19	Contractual Services.....	1,059,584.00
20	Commodities.....	78,300.00
21	Capital Outlay:	
22	Other Than Equipment.....	5,000.00
23	Equipment.....	97,884.00
24	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>355,000.00</u>
25	Total.....	\$ 5,299,999.00

26 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

27	Permanent:	Full Time.	78
28		Part Time.	0
29	Time-Limited:	Full Time.	0
30		Part Time.	0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

66 SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that with
67 the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure
68 in Section 2, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission
69 shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for
70 the purpose of implementing a safety education and training
71 program.

72 SECTION 4. With the funds provided herein, it is the intent
73 of the Legislature that the Workers' Compensation Commission may
74 transfer a sum or sums not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
75 (\$200,000.00) from the Administrative Expense Fund to the Second
76 Injury Fund.

77 SECTION 5. With the funds provided herein, it is the intent
78 of the Legislature that the Workers' Compensation Commission may
79 transfer a sum or sums not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand
80 Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Administrative Expense Fund to the
81 Insurance Integrity Enforcement Bureau within the Office of the
82 Attorney General.

83 SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
84 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
85 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
86 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
87 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
88 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

89 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from
90 and after July 1, 1999.