

**\*\*\*Pending\*\*\*  
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 1613**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

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 ..... \$ 7,737,004.00.

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..	\$ 4,970,872.00
19 Travel and Subsistence.....	550,000.00
20 Contractual Services.....	1,315,606.00
21 Commodities.....	370,110.00
22 Capital Outlay:	
23 Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
24 Equipment.....	522,416.00
25 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>8,000.00</u>

26 Total..... \$ 7,737,004.00

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

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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 to defray the cost  
81 of reallocating PIN 66 from Administrative Assistant V to  
82 Administrative Assistant VII.

83 SECTION 6. With the funds herein appropriated, the Public  
84 Service Commission may implement, through the State Personnel  
85 Board, a reorganization of the Regulated Carrier Enforcement  
86 Division using the same guidelines that were used to restructure  
87 the Weight Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Department of  
88 Transportation authorized in fiscal year 1999.

89 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
90 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
91 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon

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92 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
93 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
94 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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