

By: Gordon, Thames, Huggins, Posey, Dearing, To: Appropriations  
Hamilton, Simmons, Walls

SENATE BILL NO. 3280  
(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 2001.

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, 2000, and ending  
9 June 30, 2001.....\$ 3,413,466.00.

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, 2000, and  
16 ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 19,912,853.00.

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...\$	5,692,271.00
24	Travel and Subsistence.....	70,000.00
25	Contractual Services.....	15,513,650.00
26	Commodities.....	1,633,894.00

27 Capital Outlay:

28 Other Than Equipment..... 200,000.00

29 Equipment..... 216,504.00

30 Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....0.00

31 Total.....\$ 23,326,319.00

32 FUNDING:

33 General Funds.....\$ 3,413,466.00

34 Special Funds.....19,912,853.00

35 Total.....\$ 23,326,319.00

36 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

37 Permanent: Full Time..... 77

38 Part Time..... 0

39 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 154

40 Part Time..... 25

41 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of

42 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to

43 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal

44 Services" for Fiscal Year 2002 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2001

45 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions

46 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2002 budget by the

47 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the

48 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall

49 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all

50 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this

51 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure

52 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual

53 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for "Personal

54 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,

55 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken

56 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected

57 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2001 "Personal Services"

58 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which

59 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation

60 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
61 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

68 SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
69 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, funds in  
70 the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
71 (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of providing care to  
72 indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans in the state veterans  
73 homes. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited  
74 as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

75 SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
76 necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State  
77 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Veterans Affairs  
78 Board for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State  
79 General Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3112, Regular  
80 Session of 1999, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and  
81 ending June 30, 2001.....\$ 620,000.00.

82 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the  
83 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended  
84 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2000.

85 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
86 of the funds appropriated in this act shall be used to pay  
87 Pharmacy Technicians.

88 SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
89 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
90 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
91 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
92 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the

93 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

94 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from

95 and after July 1, 2000.