

*****Adopted***
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill NO. 1626

By Senator(s) Committee

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

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8 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
9 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
10 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and
11 maintenance of the State Forestry Commission for the fiscal year
12 beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....
13\$ 21,528,758.00.

14 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
16 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Forestry
17 Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by
18 or otherwise available to the commission, for the support and
19 maintenance of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July
20 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.....
21\$ 10,952,423.00.

22 Of the funds specified in this section, Two Hundred Fifty
23 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be deposited in a fund
24 created in the State Treasury called the "Forest Improvement
25 Revolving Fund." Money in this fund shall be used by the State
26 Forestry Commission to assist in the reforestation and growth
27 improvement of the forests, woodlands, and publicly owned lands of

28the state, including sixteenth section lands, Camp Shelby,
 29Columbia Training School and colleges and universities.
 30Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall
 31pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work.
 32Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into
 33the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer shall deposit such
 34money in the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund."

35 SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
 36Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
 37be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
 38expenditure:

39 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

40 Personal Services:

41	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits...	\$	21,528,758.00
42	Travel and Subsistence.....		100,000.00
43	Contractual Services.....		2,505,000.00
44	Commodities.....		2,247,423.00
45	Capital Outlay:		
46	Other Than Equipment.....		400,000.00
47	Equipment.....		1,200,000.00
48	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>4,500,000.00</u>
49	Total.....	\$	32,481,181.00

50 FUNDING:

51	General Funds.....	\$	21,528,758.00
52	Special Funds.....		<u>10,952,423.00</u>
53	Total.....	\$	32,481,181.00

54 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

55	Permanent:	Full Time.....	646
56		Part Time.....	59
57	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
58		Part Time.....	0

59 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
 60the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
 61make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
 62Services" for Fiscal Year 2002 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2001

63funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
64are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2002 budget by the
65Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
66Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
67determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
68appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
69act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
70that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
71cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for "Personal
72Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,
73the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken
74action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected
75annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2001 "Personal Services"
76appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
77reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
78requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
79such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

80 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
81the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

82 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
83used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
84being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
85act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

86 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
87State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate its budget in the
88Capital Outlay: Equipment major object of expenditure, with funds
89generated from the Forest Acreage Tax in an amount not to exceed
90Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), and with funds
91generated from the sale of old equipment and lease of tower sites
92an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
93(\$500,000.00). It is further the intention of the Legislature
94that the State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate its
95budget in the Subsidies, Loans and Grants major object of
96expenditure, with funds generated from the Severance Tax to fund
97the Forest Resource Development Program in an amount not to exceed

98 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The receipt of these
 99 funds is hereby authorized and approved, provided such receipts
 100 and expenditures are reported and otherwise accounted for in
 101 accordance with Section 27-103-101 et seq. and Section 27-104-1 et
 102 seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

103 SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 104 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 105 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
 106 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
 107 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
 108 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
 109 performance measures provided below:

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112	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
113	Fire Control	
114	Number of fires per year	4.847
115	Average size of fire (acres)	8.25
116	Private Lands Management	
117	Land reforested (acres)	175,000
118	Landowners assisted (persons)	17,000
119	Public Lands Management	
120	Value of timber sold (dollars)	20,000,000
121	Insect and Disease Control	
122	Acres surveyed	17,500,000
123	Forest Resource Development	
124	Acres regenerated	60,000
125	Federal Excess Property	
126	Number of vehicles acquired	150
127	Regeneration	
128	Genetically improved seedlings	50,000,000

129 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 130 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 131 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 132 Committee for Fiscal Year 2002.

133 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
134 State Forestry Commission be allowed to escalate part-time
135 positions up to one hundred (100) and expend funds not to exceed
136 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any source of
137 funds that become available to the commission. This escalation
138 shall be in accordance with rules and regulations of the
139 Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent
140 with the escalation of federal funds. These positions may be used
141 to protect life and property during extended periods of extreme
142 wildfire occurrences of a minimum of fifty (50) fires per day.
143 The escalation of positions and the expenditure of these funds
144 shall be at the discretion of the State Forester, with written
145 notification to the State Personnel Board and the State Fiscal
146 Officer.

147 SECTION 7. The Forestry Commission has the authority to
148 purchase from the "General Services Administration" Fire Fighter
149 Catalog.

150 SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
151 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
152 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
153 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
154 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
155 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

156 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
157 and after July 1, 2000.