

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3077

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE HEALTH CARE
2 EXPENDABLE FUND TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE
3 OF ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY CITIZENS OF
4 MISSISSIPPI IN PAYING EXTREMELY HIGH NATURAL GAS BILLS, FOR FISCAL
5 YEAR 2001.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Health
9 Care Expendable fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Public
10 Service Commission for the purpose of establishing a program to
11 assist the elderly citizens of Mississippi in paying extremely
12 high natural gas bills, for the fiscal year ending
13 June 30, 2001..... \$ 2,000,000.00.

14 SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
15 Public Service Commission shall establish guidelines for the
16 eligibility of elderly citizens of Mississippi to apply for
17 assistance under the program funded in Section 1 of this act.

18 SECTION 3. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
19 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
20 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
21 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
22 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
23 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

24 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after its passage.