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

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

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

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

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

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