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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3126

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.

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, 2001, and ending
9 June 30, 2002..... \$ 2,955,095.00.

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, 2001, and
16 ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 20,416,262.00.

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..	\$ 5,841,661.00
24	Travel and Subsistence.....	58,000.00
25	Contractual Services.....	15,258,591.00
26	Commodities.....	1,777,195.00

27	Capital Outlay:		
28	Other Than Equipment.....		200,000.00
29	Equipment.....		235,910.00
30	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>
31	Total.....	\$	23,371,357.00

32	FUNDING:		
33	General Funds.....	\$	2,955,095.00
34	Special Funds.....		<u>20,416,262.00</u>
35	Total.....	\$	23,371,357.00

36	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
37	Permanent: Full Time.....		71
38	Part Time.....		0
39	Time-Limited: Full Time.....		153
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 2003 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2002
45 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
46 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2003 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 2002 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 2002 "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 and the non-veteran
73 surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the surviving spouse
74 was a resident of a state veterans home at the time of the
75 veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's death, meets
76 the indigent/low-income criteria established by the State Veterans
77 Affairs Board, in the state veterans homes. It is the intention
78 of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to use of
79 indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for any such
80 period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a current
81 surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section and its
82 provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance
83 Act of 1997."

84 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that none
85 of the funds appropriated in this act shall be used to pay
86 Pharmacy Technicians.

87 SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
88 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
89 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
90 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
91 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
92 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

93 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from
94 and after July 1, 2001.