By: Representatives Rogers, Weathersby

HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE 1 VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES 2 OF THE BOARD IN OPERATING THE FOUR STATE VETERANS HOMES FOR THE 3 FISCAL YEAR 2002. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 5 SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums previously 6 appropriated, the following sum, or so much of it as may be 7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury 8

to the credit of the Veterans Affairs Board which is comprised of 9 special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the 10 board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for 11 fiscal year ending June 30, 2002..... \$703,062.00. 12

SECTION 2. This additional appropriation is made for the 13 purpose of providing an increase in spending authority to major 14 objects of expenditure as necessary to properly care for the men 15 and women who reside in the four state veterans homes in Collins, 16 Jackson, Kosciusko and Oxford, Mississippi. 17

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of 18 19 Section 1 of this act and Senate Bill 3126, 2001 Regular Session, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended for 20 the respective major objects or purposes of expenditure: 21 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

Personal Services: 23

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| 24 | Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits | \$ 6,717,836.00 |
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| 25 | Travel and Subsistence | \$ 58,000.00 |
| 26 | Contractual Services | \$15,443,565.00 |
| 27 | Commodities | \$ 2,489,057.00 |

Capital Outlay: 28

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Other Than Equipment.....\$ 200,000.00 29 30 Equipment..... \$ 235,910.00 31 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... \$ 0.00 Total.....\$25,144,368.00 32 33 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: Full Time..... 34 Permanent: 79 Part Time..... 35 0 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 154 36 Part Time..... 37 25

38 SECTION 4. If, at the end of any calendar month, the State 39 Personnel Board determines that the Veterans Affairs Board has 40 taken action(s) that would cause the board to exceed the fiscal 41 year 2002 appropriated level for "Personal Services," when 42 annualized, then only those actions that reduce the appropriation 43 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until 44 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

45 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 46 Executive Director of the Veterans Affairs Board may authorize 47 increases in major objects of expenditure in total amounts as 48 necessary, provided that other major objects of expenditure are 49 decreased by the corresponding dollar amount. However, no 50 transfer shall be authorized that increase the major object of 51 expenditure "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

52 SECTION 6. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid 53 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or 54 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State 55 Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his 56 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or 57 officers in the manner provided by law.

58 **SECTION 7**. This act shall take effect and be in force from 59 and after its passage.

ST: Additional Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board for operating the four state veterans' homes.

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