

By: Representatives Watson, McBride, Coleman To: Appropriations  
(29th), Eakes, Gadd, Green

HOUSE BILL NO. 1809  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE  
3 FISCAL YEAR 2003.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi  
8 Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds  
9 collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the  
10 purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal  
11 year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....  
12 ..... \$ 7,461,231.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
14 Section 1 not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
15 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
16 expenditure:

17 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

18	Personal Services:		
19	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	4,923,991.00
20	Travel and Subsistence.....		239,263.00
21	Contractual Services.....		1,758,016.00
22	Commodities.....		287,021.00
23	Capital Outlay:		
24	Other Than Equipment.....		5,000.00
25	Equipment.....		247,940.00
26	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>
27	Total.....	\$	7,461,231.00



28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29	Permanent:	Full Time.....	117
30		Part Time.....	0
31	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
32		Part Time.....	0

33 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
34 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
35 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the realignment component of the  
36 Variable Compensation Plan or Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00),  
37 whichever is greater, beginning on January 1, 2003.

38 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
39 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
40 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
41 Services" for Fiscal Year 2004 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2003  
42 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs, positions or  
43 pay increases are added to the agency's budget by the Mississippi  
44 Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget  
45 Office, the State Personnel Board shall, on July 1, 2002, publish  
46 separate annual projection reports, based on July 1, 2002, data,  
47 for the period of July 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, and  
48 January 1, 2003, through June 30, 2003, that project the annual  
49 cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with  
50 the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
51 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
52 this projected cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation for  
53 "Personal Services," as annualized on a semiannual basis in  
54 accordance with the provisions of this act. If, at the end of any  
55 calendar month, the State Personnel Board determines that the  
56 agency has taken action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed  
57 this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2003 "Personal  
58 Services" appropriated level, when annualized in compliance with  
59 the provisions of this act, then only those actions which reduce  
60 the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement



61 will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as  
62 the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

69 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
70 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Seventeen  
71 Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$17,398.00) is  
72 provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and  
73 Certification Board.

74 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
75 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
76 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck  
77 Acquisition Fund to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for  
78 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal  
79 year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003. . . . .  
80 . . . . . \$ 4,500,000.00.

81 Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this  
82 section, Three Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
83 (\$3,150,000.00) shall be derived from bond proceeds for Round 5 of  
84 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program, contingent upon passage  
85 of Senate Bill No. 3197, 2002 Regular Session.

86 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
87 Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, funds in  
88 the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) are provided and  
89 shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National  
90 Conference of Insurance Legislators.

91 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
92 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
93 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon



94 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
95 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
96 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

97       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
98 and after July 1, 2002.

