

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Thames, Stogner,  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3152  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE  
2 VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.

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 of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory  
8 Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending  
9 June 30, 2003..... \$ 1,117,741.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
11 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
12 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
13 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Veterinary  
14 Diagnostic Laboratory Board, for the fiscal year beginning  
15 July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 641,259.00.

16 **SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
17 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

18 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

19	Permanent:	Full Time.....	25
20		Part Time.....	0
21	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
22		Part Time.....	0

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



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

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

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

59           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature,  
60 contingent upon passage of Senate Bill No. 2873, 2002 Regular



61 Session, that all funds, property and other assets, including all  
62 current positions of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Board,  
63 shall be transferred to the Board of Trustees of State  
64 Institutions of Higher Learning for the College of Veterinary  
65 Medicine at Mississippi State University on July 1, 2002.

66       **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
67 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
68 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
69 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
70 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
71 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

72       **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
73 and after July 1, 2002.

