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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1522

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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 the State  
7 Treasury to the credit of the Oil and Gas Conservation Fund, for  
8 the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Oil and Gas  
9 Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending  
10 June 30, 2004..... \$ 1,906,414.00.

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

15 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

16 Personal Services:

17 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 1,179,479.00  
18 Travel and Subsistence..... 41,700.00  
19 Contractual Services..... 496,025.00  
20 Commodities..... 49,900.00

21 Capital Outlay:

22 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00  
23 Equipment..... 89,250.00  
24 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 50,060.00  
25 Total..... \$ 1,906,414.00

26 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

27 Permanent: Full Time..... 33



28	Part Time.....	0
29	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
30	Part Time.....	0

31 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
32 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
33 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
34 Services" for Fiscal Year 2005 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2004  
35 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
36 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2005 budget by the  
37 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
38 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
39 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
40 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
41 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
42 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
43 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriation for "Personal  
44 Services" when annualized. If, at the end of any calendar month,  
45 the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken  
46 action(s) which would cause the agency to exceed this projected  
47 annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2004 "Personal Services"  
48 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
49 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
50 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
51 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

58 **SECTION 3.** With the funds provided herein, it is the  
59 intention of the Legislature that the State Oil and Gas Board  
60 purchase liability insurance.



61           **SECTION 4.** Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable  
62 Compensation Plan to ensure that the Oil and Gas Board - Advanced  
63 (Chief) Petroleum Engineer shall receive, beginning on July 1,  
64 2003, a pay increase of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-three  
65 Dollars (\$9,893.00).

66           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
67 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for  
68 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance  
69 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and  
70 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for  
71 the health insurance plan.

72           **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
73 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
74 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
75 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
76 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
77 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

78           **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
79 and after July 1, 2003.

