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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2970

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR
3 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 Mississippi Workers' Compensation
8 Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by
9 said commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and
10 ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 5,278,449.00.

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..	\$	3,620,279.00
18	Travel and Subsistence.....		165,000.00
19	Contractual Services.....		985,620.00
20	Commodities.....		78,300.00
21	Capital Outlay:		
22	Other Than Equipment.....		5,000.00
23	Equipment.....		69,250.00
24	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>355,000.00</u>
25	Total.....	\$	5,278,449.00

26 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

27 Permanent: Full Time..... 75



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.** It is the intention of the Legislature that with
59 the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure
60 in Section 2, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission



61 shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for
62 the purpose of implementing a safety education and training
63 program.

64 **SECTION 4.** With the funds provided herein, it is the intent
65 of the Legislature that the Workers' Compensation Commission may
66 transfer a sum or sums not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
67 (\$200,000.00) from the Administrative Expense Fund to the Second
68 Injury Fund.

69 **SECTION 5.** With the funds provided herein, it is the intent
70 of the Legislature that the Workers' Compensation Commission may
71 transfer a sum or sums not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand
72 Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Administrative Expense Fund to the
73 Insurance Integrity Enforcement Bureau within the Office of the
74 Attorney General.

75 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
76 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for
77 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance
78 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and
79 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for
80 the health insurance plan.

81 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
82 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
83 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
84 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
85 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
86 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

87 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
88 and after July 1, 2003.

