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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1715

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 BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005.

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 special
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of
8 Optometry, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending

10 June 30, 2005..... \$ 76,820.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The funds authorized herein shall be used to fund
12 all operations of the agency with the following prohibitions:

13 (1) The agency shall not fill any current or future vacant
14 positions;

15 (2) The agency shall not take any action to promote or
16 otherwise award salary increases through reallocation,
17 reclassification, realignment, education benchmark, career ladder,
18 or any other means to increase salaries of employees or positions
19 except as allowed under the provisions set forth in House Bill No.
20 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

21 (3) The agency shall not expend funds for out-of-state
22 travel except as allowed under the provisions set forth in House
23 Bill No. 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

24 (4) The agency shall not expend funds for the purchase of or
25 contract for cellular phones, two-way radios or pagers, except for
26 support of employees in the Department of Public Safety and the
27 Bureau of Narcotics as recommended by Information Technology

28 Services or as allowed under the provisions set forth in House
29 Bill No. 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

30 (5) The agency shall not expend funds to publish or
31 distribute any annual reports or other publications;

32 (6) The agency shall not expend funds for public relation
33 activities regarding the functions, programs or services of the
34 agency except as allowed under the provisions set forth in House
35 Bill No. 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

36 (7) The agency shall not advertise the functions, programs
37 or services of the agency except that the Mississippi Development
38 Authority is authorized to expend funds for advertising to carry
39 out the purposes of key programs administered by the authority;

40 (8) The agency shall not expend funds for staff development
41 or training services;

42 (9) The agency shall not expend funds for the purchase of
43 new or replacement equipment or furniture, excluding lease
44 purchase payments on agreements in effect upon passage of this
45 appropriation bill, except as allowed under the provisions set
46 forth in House Bill No. 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session.

47 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
48 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
49 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
50 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
51 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public
52 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening
53 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has
54 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or
55 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following
56 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the
57 Mississippi State Legislature."

58 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
59 State Board of Optometry shall maintain complete accounting and
60 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds

61 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
62 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
63 2004. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
64 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2006 shall be submitted to
65 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
66 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
67 during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request process.

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

74 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
75 and after July 1, 2004.