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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1717

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE  
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD AND MAKING NEW HOME LOANS AS  
4 AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board's  
9 revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as  
11 authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and  
12 ending June 30, 2005..... \$ 30,775,453.00.

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.. \$ 630,613.00

20 Travel and Subsistence..... 20,500.00

21 Contractual Services..... 327,930.00

22 Commodities..... 47,400.00

23 Capital Outlay:

24 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00

25 Equipment..... 17,250.00

26 Subsidies, Loans and Grants..... 29,731,760.00

27 Total..... \$ 30,775,453.00

28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29	Permanent:	Full Time.....	15
30		Part Time.....	0
31	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
32		Part Time.....	0

33 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
34 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
35 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
36 Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2005  
37 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
38 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2006 budget by the  
39 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
40 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
41 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
42 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
43 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
44 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
45 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005 appropriation for "Personal  
46 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
47 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
48 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
49 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
50 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services"  
51 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
52 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
53 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
54 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

62 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
63 appropriated level.

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

68 **SECTION 3.** The funds authorized herein shall be used to fund  
69 all operations of the agency with the following prohibitions:

70 (1) The agency shall not fill any current or future vacant  
71 positions;

72 (2) The agency shall not take any action to promote or  
73 otherwise award salary increases through reallocation,  
74 reclassification, realignment, education benchmark, career ladder,  
75 or any other means to increase salaries of employees or positions  
76 except as allowed under the provisions set forth in House Bill No.  
77 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

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

81 (4) The agency shall not expend funds for the purchase of or  
82 contract for cellular phones, two-way radios or pagers, except for  
83 support of employees in the Department of Public Safety and the  
84 Bureau of Narcotics as recommended by Information Technology  
85 Services or as allowed under the provisions set forth in House  
86 Bill No. 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

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

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

93 (7) The agency shall not advertise the functions, programs  
94 or services of the agency except that the Mississippi Development

95 Authority is authorized to expend funds for advertising to carry  
96 out the purposes of key programs administered by the authority;

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

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

104 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
105 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members  
106 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate  
107 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony  
108 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public  
109 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening  
110 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has  
111 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or  
112 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following  
113 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the  
114 Mississippi State Legislature."

115 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
116 Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting  
117 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
118 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
119 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
120 2004. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
121 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2006 shall be submitted to  
122 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
123 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
124 during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request process.

125 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
126 of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), or so much thereof as

127 may be available, shall come from the issuance and sale of revenue  
128 bonds authorized by Chapter 501, Laws of 1985.

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

135       **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
136 and after July 1, 2004.