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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1737

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 REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
4 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 State Board of Registered Foresters
9 Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Board
10 of Registration for Foresters for the fiscal year beginning
11 July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005..... \$ 29,800.00.

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

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

16 (2) The agency shall not take any action to promote or
17 otherwise award salary increases through reallocation,
18 reclassification, realignment, education benchmark, career ladder,
19 or any other means to increase salaries of employees or positions
20 except as allowed under the provisions set forth in House Bill No.
21 1279, 2004 Regular Legislative Session;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

59 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
60 State Board of Registration for Foresters shall maintain complete
61 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all

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

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

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