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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1744

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
2 PARKWAY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF
3 THE COMMISSION 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 State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi River
8 Parkway Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
9 the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and
10 ending June 30, 2005..... \$ 25,488.00.

11 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
13 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission
14 which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
15 otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of
16 defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.....
18 \$ 13,762.00.

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

- 21 (1) The agency shall not fill any current or future vacant
22 positions;
- 23 (2) The agency shall not take any action to promote or
24 otherwise award salary increases through reallocation,
25 reclassification, realignment, education benchmark, career ladder,
26 or any other means to increase salaries of employees or positions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
56 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
57 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
58 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
59 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public

60 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening
61 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has
62 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or
63 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following
64 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the
65 Mississippi State Legislature."

66 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
67 Mississippi River Parkway Commission shall maintain complete
68 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
69 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
70 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
71 Year 2004. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
72 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2006 shall be
73 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
74 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
75 provided during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request process.

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

82 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
83 and after July 1, 2004.