

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1741**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

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, for the support and  
8 maintenance of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005  
10 ..... \$           9,291,568.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special  
13 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of  
14 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which is comprised of special source  
15 funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for  
16 the support and maintenance of the department, for the fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.....  
18 ..... \$           44,899,741.00.

19           The following sum, which is included in the sum appropriated  
20 above in this section, is hereby appropriated out of the state  
21 excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products to  
22 the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund for the fiscal year beginning  
23 July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005..... \$           5,750,000.00.

24           The State Tax Commission is hereby directed to set aside the  
25 amount of this appropriation or any part thereof at any time it  
26 sees fit, out of any collections of taxes upon gasoline, oil and  
27 other petroleum products, and to deduct the amounts so set aside  
28 from such funds before making distribution thereof. However,  
29 provisions shall first be made for the Highway Bonds Sinking Fund,  
30 as required under the provisions of Chapter 130, Laws of 1938, and  
31 any amendments thereto, and Section 27-5-101, Mississippi Code of  
32 1972.

33           Any funds available in the Wildlife Heritage Fund may be  
34 expended by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as  
35 authorized by law. The department shall make a detailed report to  
36 the Legislature regarding the spending of the Wildlife Heritage  
37 funds by September 1 for the preceding Fiscal Year.

38           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
39 Section 2 to the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries, funds in the  
40 amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred  
41 Thirty-five Dollars (\$125,335.00) shall be derived from the  
42 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75  
43 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of  
44 defraying the expenses of Project WILD for Fiscal Year 2005.

45           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
46 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
47 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Gulf and  
48 Wildlife Protection Fund, not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty  
49 Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purpose of preservation,  
50 protection, conservation, and acquisition of waters, land and  
51 wildlife of this state.

52           **SECTION 5.** With the funds appropriated under the provisions  
53 of Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

54           AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

55           Permanent:           Full Time.....           730

56	Part Time.....	95
57	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	40
58	Part Time.....	0

59 Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished  
60 an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Dollars  
61 (\$450.00) per annum.

62 Provided further, when any personnel of the Bureau of  
63 Wildlife and Fisheries are transferred from one county to another  
64 on a permanent assignment, the expense monies now paid on  
65 out-of-county duty shall not be applicable.

66 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
67 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall maintain  
68 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
69 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
70 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
71 maintained for Fiscal Year 2004. It is further the intention of  
72 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
73 2006 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
74 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
75 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2005 budget request  
76 process.

77 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
78 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
79 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
80 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the  
81 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
82 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
83 performance measures provided below:

84		FY2005
85	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
86	Support Services	
87	Hunting & Fishing Licenses Sold (Licenses)	526,000

88	Registration of Boats (Boats)	21,550
89	Freshwater Fisheries Mgmt	
90	Fish Stock for Public Water (Fish)	3,650,000
91	Users of DWFP Lakes (Man-days)	65,000
92	Game Management	
93	DMAP Cooperators	720
94	DWFP Management for Hunters (Man-days)	175,650
95	Law Enforcement	
96	Hunter Education (Persons)	18,673
97	Parks & Recreation	
98	Overnight Accommodations (Persons)	674,280
99	Water Related Services (Persons)	95,000
100	Day Use Services (Persons)	3,620,515
101	Facilities Repair Projects (Projects)	3,980
102	Historical & Nature Services (Persons)	86,220
103	Museum Of Natural Science	
104	Information Provided (Participants)	240,000
105	Participants in Museum Projects (Persons)	430,000

106 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
107 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
108 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
109 Committee for Fiscal Year 2006.

110 **SECTION 8.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the  
111 intention of the Legislature that a reasonable number of  
112 Conservation Officers, Conservation Officer Supervisors, District  
113 Managers, Area Managers, and Lake Managers shall be employed  
114 and/or detailed to both temporary and permanent job assignments in  
115 areas other than their county of residence.

116 **SECTION 9.** With the funds appropriated herein, the  
117 Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall  
118 adopt rules and regulations to permit the building, equipment and  
119 facilities of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, or any

120 portion thereof, to be used by individuals, organizations,  
121 associations or other groups or entities for special events,  
122 occasions or activities. Such rules and regulations may authorize  
123 the commission to establish and collect reasonable fees and  
124 charges for the use of such building, equipment and facilities,  
125 shall authorize such building, equipment and facilities to be used  
126 for such purposes during the regular operating hours of the museum  
127 as well as after regular operating hours or at other times when  
128 such use will not unreasonably interfere with access to the museum  
129 by the general public, may require users to provide security in  
130 the form of cash deposits, bond and/or insurance for the care and  
131 safekeeping of the building, equipment and facilities, may require  
132 users to enter into indemnity agreements to protect the state, its  
133 agencies and its officers and employees from liability and may  
134 authorize the commission to establish such other terms,  
135 conditions, restrictions and limitations from time to time as the  
136 commission deems advisable with regard to the use of the museum  
137 and its building, equipment and facilities.

138       **SECTION 10.** With the funds herein appropriated, it is the  
139 intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's  
140 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
141 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2006 do not  
142 exceed Fiscal Year 2005 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
143 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
144 2006 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
145 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
146 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
147 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
148 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
149 agency head to insure that no single personnel action increases  
150 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2005  
151 appropriation for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the

152 exception of escalated funds. If, at the time the agency takes  
153 any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel  
154 Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would  
155 cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the  
156 Fiscal Year 2005 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when  
157 annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected  
158 annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed  
159 by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements  
160 of this provision are met.

161 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
162 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
163 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
164 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
165 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
166 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
167 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
168 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
169 appropriated level.

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

174 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
175 following amount shall come from the Department of Wildlife,  
176 Fisheries and Parks Special Pearl River Timber Fund No. 3465, for  
177 the purpose of making improvements to the Pearl River Wildlife  
178 Management Area..... \$ 150,000.00.

179 **SECTION 12.** The board of supervisors of any county or any  
180 group or combination of counties are hereby authorized and  
181 empowered to enter into cooperative agreements with each other and  
182 with the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the  
183 purpose of creating, improving or restoring parks, public game and

184 fish habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within  
185 such county or in an adjoining county; and each county is  
186 empowered and authorized, in its discretion, to expend a sum not  
187 exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the  
188 general county fund for such purposes from which fund they shall  
189 reimburse to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the  
190 actual cost of all surveying and engineering projects incurred by  
191 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental  
192 thereto. Such boards of supervisors are further authorized and  
193 empowered, in their discretion, to enter into agreements necessary  
194 to carry out the purposes of this act with any other county, the  
195 United States Forest Service or any other agency if same should be  
196 necessary for the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for  
197 such purposes.

198       **SECTION 13.** The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
199 is hereby directed to keep an exact accounting of the funds  
200 received during each fiscal year by fund and source and an exact  
201 accounting of how these funds were expended by fund and  
202 program/division. Such information shall be provided to the House  
203 and Senate Appropriations Chairmen, Chairman of the House Game and  
204 Fish Committee and Chairman of the Senate Wildlife and Fisheries  
205 Committee no later than October 1 following the end of the fiscal  
206 year.

207       **SECTION 14.** The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
208 is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Pearl River  
209 Valley Water Supply District to provide for financial support of  
210 an additional conservation officer on and around the Ross Barnett  
211 Reservoir.

212       The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to  
213 escalate the budget of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and  
214 Parks for this purpose.

215           **SECTION 15.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee  
216 or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use  
217 of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of  
218 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for  
219 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of  
220 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

221           It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles  
222 authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply  
223 with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

224           **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
225 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
226 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from any source, not  
227 to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), that may  
228 become available to the department in accordance with the rules  
229 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration.

230           **SECTION 17.** In order to be in compliance with Sections  
231 63-1-74 through 63-1-79, funds are herein provided and may be  
232 expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay  
233 the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees  
234 and/or to reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the  
235 course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold  
236 a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

237           **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
238 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
239 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Mississippi  
240 Development Authority in the amount of Four Million Dollars  
241 (\$4,000,000.00) as authorized in Section 57-61-32 (1), Mississippi  
242 Code of 1972. Such funds are to be used to defray the cost of  
243 constructing a North Mississippi Fish Hatchery.

244           **SECTION 19.** The Mississippi Department of Wildlife,  
245 Fisheries and Parks is authorized to provide financial support of  
246 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) and to enter into



247 an agreement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service  
248 for a biology specialist and related supportive cost.

249 The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to  
250 escalate the budget of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and  
251 Parks for this purpose.

252 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds in Section 2, the Department shall  
253 be authorized to purchase and implement a satellite communications  
254 system in an amount not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand  
255 Dollars (\$2,200,000.00).

256 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that a  
257 DWFP-Conservation Officer I position be established and filled to  
258 be assigned to manage the Mason Creek Game Management Area.  
259 Furthermore, it is the intention of the Legislature that a  
260 Statewide Coordinator for the Recruitment and Retention of Hunting  
261 and Fishing be established and filled to be assigned to the  
262 Central Office.

263 **SECTION 22.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
264 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
265 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
266 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
267 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
268 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

269 **SECTION 23.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
270 and after July 1, 2004.