

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Little, Kirby,  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3024

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE  
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION, FOR FISCAL YEAR  
3 2007.

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, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, for  
9 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending

10 June 30, 2007..... \$ 3,820,643.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
13 funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi  
14 Gaming Commission which are collected by or otherwise become  
15 available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
16 Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending

17 June 30, 2007..... \$ 5,689,274.00.

18 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
19 Section 1 and Section 2, not more than the amounts set forth below  
20 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
21 expenditure:

22 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

23 Personal Services:

24	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$ 6,560,708.00
25	Travel and Subsistence.....	350,000.00
26	Contractual Services.....	2,328,788.00
27	Commodities.....	107,961.00

28	Capital Outlay:	
29	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
30	Equipment.....	62,160.00
31	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>100,300.00</u>
32	Total.....	\$ 9,509,917.00

33 FUNDING:

34	General Funds.....	\$ 3,820,643.00
35	Special Funds.....	<u>5,689,274.00</u>
36	Total.....	\$ 9,509,917.00

37 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

38	Permanent: Full Time.....	135
39	Part Time.....	0
40	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
41	Part Time.....	0

42 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
43 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
44 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
45 Plan or Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00), whichever is greater,  
46 beginning on July 1, 2006.

47 Pursuant to policies established by the State Personnel  
48 Board, agency heads may, on a case by case basis and within funds  
49 available, recommend equity salary adjustments to Fiscal Year 2006  
50 agency appropriation acts where application of limitations result  
51 in awarding one employee a salary increase greater than another  
52 employee within the same agency, with the same job classification  
53 series and greater longevity.

54 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
55 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
56 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
57 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007  
58 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
59 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
60 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the

61 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
62 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
63 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
64 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
65 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
66 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal  
67 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
68 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
69 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
70 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
71 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"  
72 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
73 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
74 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
75 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

76 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
77 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
78 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
79 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
80 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
81 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
82 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
83 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
84 appropriated level.

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

89 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One  
90 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is hereby authorized to be  
91 transferred to the Mississippi Council on Compulsive Gambling, a  
92 nonprofit organization.

93           **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
94 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
95 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
96 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
97 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
98 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.  
99           **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
100 and after July 1, 2006.