



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 2007.

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.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
53 Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

54 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

55	Permanent:	Full Time.....	827
56		Part Time.....	209
57	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	49

58 Part Time..... 0

59 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation  
60 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase  
61 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation  
62 Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater,  
63 with not more than one-half (1/2) to be awarded on July 1, 2006,  
64 with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.

65 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
66 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
67 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
68 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007  
69 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
70 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
71 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
72 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
73 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
74 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
75 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
76 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
77 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal  
78 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.  
79 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
80 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
81 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
82 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"  
83 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
84 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
85 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
86 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

87 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
88 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
89 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State

90 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
91 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
92 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
93 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
94 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
95 appropriated level.

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

100 **SECTION 6.** Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be  
101 furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Five Hundred  
102 Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per annum.

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

107 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
108 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall maintain  
109 complete accounting and personnel records related to the  
110 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such  
111 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as  
112 maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the intention of  
113 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year  
114 2008 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
115 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level  
116 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request  
117 process.

118 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance  
119 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of  
120 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized  
121 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the

122 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,  
 123 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted  
 124 performance measures provided below:

	FY2007
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
127 Support Services	
128     Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
129         Sold (Licenses)	528,000
130     Registration of Boats (Boats)	260,000
131 Freshwater Fisheries Mgmt	
132     Fish Stock for Public Water (Fish)	5,000,000
133     Users of DWFP Lakes (Man-days)	68,000
134 Game Management	
135     DMAP Cooperators	730
136     DWFP Management for Hunters (Man-days)	180,000
137 Law Enforcement	
138     Hunter Education (Persons)	19,000
139 Motor Vehicle	
140     Vehicles Purchased (Vehicles)	25
141     Used Vehicle Sales (Vehicles)	50
142 Parks & Recreation	
143     Overnight Accommodations (Persons)	676,000
144     Water Related Services (Persons)	68,000
145     Day Use Services (Persons)	2,650,000
146     Facilities Repair Projects (Projects)	30
147     Historical & Nature Services (Persons)	87,000
148 Museum Of Natural Science	
149     Information Provided (Participants)	255,000
150     Participants in Museum Prjs (Persons)	435,000
151     A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets	
152 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the	

153 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
154 Committee for Fiscal Year 2008.

155       **SECTION 9.** With the funds appropriated herein, it is the  
156 intention of the Legislature that a reasonable number of  
157 Conservation Officers, Conservation Officer Supervisors, District  
158 Managers, Area Managers, and Lake Managers shall be employed  
159 and/or detailed to both temporary and permanent job assignments in  
160 areas other than their county of residence.

161       **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the  
162 following amount shall come from the Department of Wildlife,  
163 Fisheries and Parks Special Pearl River Timber Fund No. 3465, for  
164 the purpose of making improvements to the Pearl River Wildlife  
165 Management Area..... \$ 150,000.00.

166       **SECTION 11.** The board of supervisors of any county or any  
167 group or combination of counties are hereby authorized and  
168 empowered to enter into cooperative agreements with each other and  
169 with the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the  
170 purpose of creating, improving or restoring parks, public game and  
171 fish habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within  
172 such county or in an adjoining county; and each county is  
173 empowered and authorized, in its discretion, to expend a sum not  
174 exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the  
175 general county fund for such purposes from which fund they shall  
176 reimburse to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the  
177 actual cost of all surveying and engineering projects incurred by  
178 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental  
179 thereto. Such boards of supervisors are further authorized and  
180 empowered, in their discretion, to enter into agreements necessary  
181 to carry out the purposes of this act with any other county, the  
182 United States Forest Service or any other agency if same should be  
183 necessary for the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for  
184 such purposes.

185           **SECTION 12.** It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee  
186 or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use  
187 of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of  
188 Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for  
189 any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of  
190 Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

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

194           **SECTION 13.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
195 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
196 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from any source, not  
197 to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), that may become  
198 available to the department in accordance with the rules and  
199 regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration.

200           **SECTION 14.** In order to be in compliance with Sections  
201 63-1-74 through 63-1-79, funds are herein provided and may be  
202 expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay  
203 the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees  
204 and/or to reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the  
205 course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold  
206 a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

207           **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
208 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the  
209 authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Mississippi  
210 Development Authority in the amount of Four Million Dollars  
211 (\$4,000,000.00) as authorized in Section 57-61-32 (1), Mississippi  
212 Code of 1972. Such funds are to be used to defray the cost of  
213 constructing a North Mississippi Fish Hatchery.

214           **SECTION 16.** The Mississippi Department of Wildlife,  
215 Fisheries and Parks is authorized to provide financial support of  
216 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) and to enter into

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

219 The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to  
220 escalate the budget of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and  
221 Parks for this purpose.

222 **SECTION 17.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
223 Commission of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall  
224 have the authority to close, transfer, lease or sell properties  
225 under the department's jurisdiction.

226 **SECTION 18.** The department is authorized to spend up to  
227 twenty-five percent (25%) of revenue in the State Park Timber  
228 Endowment Fund, as needed, to operate and maintain the state  
229 parks.

230 **SECTION 19.** As funds become available to the department, an  
231 amount equal to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
232 (\$1,500,000.00) may be used for completion of the North  
233 Mississippi Fish Hatchery and any repair of levies or dams as  
234 deemed necessary by the department.

235 **SECTION 20.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no  
236 more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) be spent  
237 from the Motor Vehicle Fund for the purchase of motor vehicles.

238 **SECTION 21.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
239 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
240 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
241 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
242 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
243 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
244 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
245 made without competitive bids.

246 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
247 of Section 2, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall  
248 be derived from the Budget Contingency Fund, as created in Section



249 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, to defray the expenses of  
250 the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

251 **SECTION 23.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
252 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
253 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
254 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
255 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
256 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

257 **SECTION 24.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
258 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Stringer

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Broomfield

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Hudson

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