REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1578: Appropriation; Board of Cosmetology.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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	Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Cosmetology, for the		
8	purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year		
9	beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007		
10	\$ 751,045.00.		
11	SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the		
12	provisions of Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below		
13	shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of		
14	expenditure:		
15	MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:		
16	Personal Services:		
17	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$ 425,071.00		
18	Travel and Subsistence 116,674.00		
19	Contractual Services 182,730.00		
20	Commodities 15,471.00		
21	Capital Outlay:		
22	Other Than Equipment 0.00		
23	Equipment		
24	Subsidies, Loans and Grants 0.00		
25	Total\$ 751,045.00		
26	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
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27	Permanent:	Full Time	12
28		Part Time	0
29	Time-Limited:	Full Time	0
30		Part Time	0

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

37 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of 38 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal 39 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007 40 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions 41 42 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the 43 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the 44 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 45 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 46 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 47 It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure act. 48 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual 49 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal 50 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. 51 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency 52 53 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services" 54 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which 55 56 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until 57 58 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 59 60 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 61 62 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 63 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The 64 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 65 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 66 67 appropriated level.

68 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be 69 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this 70 71 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. If not needed for other purposes, the State 72 Treasurer shall invest any part of or all monies herein approved 73 74 and any surplus funds of the State Board of Cosmetology for a 75 period of ninety (90) days or more at the highest rate of interest obtainable and credit such to this respective fund. Monies shall 76 77 be invested by the Treasurer in any short-term bonds, notes or 78 other direct obligations of the United States of America or the 79 State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state, 80 which county or municipal bonds have been approved by a reputable 81 bond attorney or have been validated by a decree of the court, or in savings accounts or certificates of deposit of a state or 82 83 national bank in the State of Mississippi, or in federally insured savings and loan associations in the State of Mississippi; and in 84 85 any event, the bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds 86 87 so invested will be needed for the purposes herein provided.

88 SECTION 4. It is the intent of this legislation to provide 89 the funds for the board to meet when necessary, but under no 90 circumstances shall it meet more than sixty-two (62) days a year.

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SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 91 92 State Board of Cosmetology shall maintain complete accounting and 93 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds 94 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the 95 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 96 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to 97 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of 98 99 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided 100 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

101 SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 102 103 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 104 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 105 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 106 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 107 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 108 made without competitive bids.

109 SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein 110 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be 111 necessary is appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury 112 to the credit of the State Board of Cosmetology, which is 113 comprised of any special funds collected by the otherwise 114 available to the board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006..... 115 116 10,811.00.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

06/HR05/HB1578CR.J * HR05/OHB1578CR.J* (H)AP (S)AP PAGE 4 A1/2 (RM) 123 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 124 and after July 1, 2006, with the exception of Section 7 which 125 shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

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