## **REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

## MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

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

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Funeral Services Bd.

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

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House 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 Funeral Services for
8	the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board for the fiscal
9	year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007
10	\$ 240,972.00.
11	SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions
12	of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:
13	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:
14	Permanent: Full Time 2
15	Part Time 0
16	Time-Limited: Full Time 0
17	Part Time 0
18	Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
19	Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
20	equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
21	Plan or Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever is greater,
22	with not more than one-half $(1/2)$ to be awarded on July 1, 2006,
23	with the remainder to be awarded on January 1, 2007.
24	With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
25	the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
26	make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
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Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007 27 28 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions 29 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the 30 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the 31 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall 32 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all 33 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this 34 It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure act. that no single personnel action increases this projected annual 35 36 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal 37 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. 38 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency 39 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this 40 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services" 41 42 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which 43 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until 44 45 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

46 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 47 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 48 49 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 50 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The 51 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions 52 53 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level. 54

55 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be 56 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are 57 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this 58 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 59 60 Funeral Services Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds 61 62 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the 63 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 64 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to 65 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of 66 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided 67 68 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

69 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 70 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 71 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 72 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 73 74 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 75 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 76 made without competitive bids.

77 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 78 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 79 80 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 81 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 82 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. 83 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from 84 and after July 1, 2006.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE	CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE
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