

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill No. 3041

BY: Committee

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
6 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
7 defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Veterans Affairs
8 Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending
9 June 30, 2007..... \$ 2,818,669.00.

10 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
12 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans Affairs
13 Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
14 otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance
15 of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and
16 ending June 30, 2007..... \$ 23,074,466.00.

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

21 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

22 Personal Services:

23	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	11,185,669.00
24	Travel and Subsistence.....		70,971.00
25	Contractual Services.....		12,625,827.00
26	Commodities.....		1,864,168.00
27	Capital Outlay:		
28	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
29	Equipment.....		96,500.00
30	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>50,000.00</u>
31	Total.....	\$	25,893,135.00

32 FUNDING:

33	General Funds.....	\$	2,818,669.00
34	Special Funds.....		<u>23,074,466.00</u>
35	Total.....	\$	25,893,135.00

36 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

37	Permanent:	Full Time.....	67
38		Part Time.....	0
39	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	317
40		Part Time.....	32

41 For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006, funds are
42 provided herein to adjust the annual compensation of each employee
43 who has been employed for twelve (12) months or longer by an
44 amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), effective on
45 July 1, 2006.

46 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
47 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
48 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
49 Services" for Fiscal Year 2008 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2007
50 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
51 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
52 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
53 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
54 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all

55 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
56 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
57 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
58 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation for "Personal
59 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
60 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
61 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
62 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
63 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2007 "Personal Services"
64 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
65 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
66 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
67 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

68 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
69 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
70 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
71 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
72 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
73 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
74 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
75 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
76 appropriated level.

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

81 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
82 Sections 1 and 2, funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty
83 Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of
84 providing care to indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans and the
85 non-veteran surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the
86 surviving spouse was a resident of a state veterans home at the

87 time of the veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's
88 death, meets the indigent/low-income criteria established by the
89 State Veterans Affairs Board, in the state veterans homes. It is
90 the intention of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to
91 use of indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for
92 any such period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a
93 current surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section
94 and its provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R.
95 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

96 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
97 Section 2, Four Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty
98 Dollars (\$487,750.00) shall be derived from the Health Care
99 Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of
100 1972, for the support and maintenance of the Veterans' Affairs
101 Board.

102 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
103 Executive Director of the Veterans' Affairs Board may authorize
104 increases in any major objects of expenditures in total amounts
105 not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the appropriated amount
106 of each major object of expenditure, provided that other major
107 objects of expenditure are decreased by a corresponding dollar
108 amount. However, no transfers shall be authorized which increase
109 the major object of expenditure "Salaries, Wages and Fringe
110 Benefits."

111 **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
112 Veterans Affairs Board shall maintain complete accounting and
113 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
114 appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such
115 records shall be in the same format and level of details as
116 maintained for Fiscal Year 2006. It is further the intention of
117 the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall
118 be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format

119 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
120 provided during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

121 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
122 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
123 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
124 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
125 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
126 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
127 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
128 made without competitive bids.

129 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
130 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
131 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
132 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
133 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
134 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

135 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
136 and after July 1, 2006.