

**Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1583**

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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

6       **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
8 Treasury to the credit of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board's  
9 revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as  
11 authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and  
12 ending June 30, 2007..... \$     43,931,974.00.

13       **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
14 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be  
15 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of  
16 expenditure:

17       **MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:**

18       Personal Services:

19               Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$           766,194.00  
20               Travel and Subsistence.....                   27,970.00  
21               Contractual Services.....                   324,150.00  
22               Commodities.....                               47,400.00  
23       Capital Outlay:  
24               Other Than Equipment.....                   0.00  
25               Equipment.....                               34,500.00  
26               Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....           42,731,760.00  
27               Total..... \$     43,931,974.00

28       **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

29       Permanent:     Full Time.....                   16  
30                               Part Time.....                   0  
31       Time-Limited: Full Time.....                   0

32 Part Time..... 0

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

38 Pursuant to policies established by the State Personnel  
39 Board, agency heads may, on a case by case basis and within funds  
40 available, recommend equity salary adjustments to Fiscal Year 2006  
41 agency appropriation acts where application of limitations result  
42 in awarding one employee a salary increase greater than another  
43 employee within the same agency, with the same job classification  
44 series and greater longevity.

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

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

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

80 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
81 Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting  
82 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
83 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
84 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
85 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
86 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be submitted to  
87 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
88 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
89 during the Fiscal Year 2007 budget request process.

90 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum  
91 of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), or so much thereof as  
92 may be available, shall come from the issuance and sale of revenue  
93 bonds authorized by Chapter 501, Laws of 1985.

94 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
95 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
96 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
97 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
98 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
99 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
100 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
101 made without competitive bids.

102           **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
103 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
104 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
105 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
106 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
107 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

108           **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
109 and after July 1, 2006.

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