

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1574**

**BY: Committee**

**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 any special  
7 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi  
8 Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds  
9 collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the  
10 purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal  
11 year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
12 ..... \$           8,046,791.00.

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.. \$           5,669,699.00  
20                 Travel and Subsistence.....                   115,000.00  
21                 Contractual Services.....                       1,878,500.00  
22                 Commodities.....                                   215,071.00  
23           Capital Outlay:

24	Other Than Equipment.....	0.00
25	Equipment.....	168,021.00
26	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>500.00</u>
27	Total..... \$	8,046,791.00

28 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

29	Permanent: Full Time.....	112
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 Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete  
82 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
83 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
84 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
85 Year 2006. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
86 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be  
87 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format

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

90 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
91 Section 1, and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Fifteen  
92 Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the  
93 Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification  
94 Board.

95 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
96 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
97 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck  
98 Acquisition Fund to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for  
99 the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal  
100 year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007.....  
101 ..... \$ 5,093,191.00.

102 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
103 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special  
104 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Supplemental Rural  
105 Fire Truck Fund, created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third  
106 Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance  
107 for the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance  
108 Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending  
109 June 30, 2007..... \$ 2,600,000.00

110 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
111 Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 2, funds in  
112 the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) are provided and  
113 shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National  
114 Conference of Insurance Legislators.

115 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none  
116 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members  
117 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate  
118 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony  
119 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public

120 announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening  
121 of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has  
122 made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or  
123 any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following  
124 language: "Funds were made available for this project by the  
125 Mississippi State Legislature."

126         **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
127 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
128 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
129 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
130 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
131 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
132 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
133 made without competitive bids.

134         **SECTION 10.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
135 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
136 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
137 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
138 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
139 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

140         **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
141 and after July 1, 2006.