

By: Representatives Straughter, Espy

To: Public Health and Human
Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1255

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE RURAL MISSISSIPPI MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
2 ACT; TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR MOSQUITO
3 ABATEMENT; TO CREATE THE RURAL MISSISSIPPI MOSQUITO ABATEMENT FUND
4 AND PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION; TO REQUIRE AN APPROPRIATION TO
5 THE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established the Rural Mississippi
8 Mosquito Abatement Act. The purpose of this fund is to provide
9 grants to towns and municipalities with populations of less than
10 twenty thousand (20,000) to establish a comprehensive mosquito
11 abatement program. Monies from this fund shall be administered by
12 the Mississippi Department of Health.

13 (2) Any eligible town or municipality may submit an
14 application for assistance in mosquito abatement, to the
15 Department of Health. The application must include a description
16 of the purpose for which assistance is requested, the amount of
17 assistance requested and any other information required by the
18 Department of Health. Grant applications may request equipment
19 and/or funds to establish a local abatement program. Grants
20 awarded of up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) may be
21 awarded under this section.

22 (3) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to
23 be designated as the "Rural Mississippi Mosquito Abatement Fund,"
24 which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made
25 available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any
26 other source designated for deposit into such fund.
27 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
28 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any

29 investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund
30 shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund
31 shall be distributed to eligible towns by the Department of Health
32 for the purposes described in this section.

33 (4) During the 2007 regular legislative session the
34 Legislature shall appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
35 (\$500,000.00) to the Rural Mississippi Mosquito Abatement Fund.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2007.