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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1655

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD AND MAKING NEW HOME LOANS AS
4 AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

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

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, 2007, and
12 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 45,014,052.00.

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..	\$	848,272.00
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	Vehicles.....		0.00
27	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
28	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>43,731,760.00</u>



29 Total..... \$ 45,014,052.00

30 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

31	Permanent:	Full Time.....	16
32		Part Time.....	0
33	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
34		Part Time.....	0

35 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
36 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
37 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
38 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever
39 is greater.

40 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
41 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
42 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
43 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
44 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
45 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2009 budget by the
46 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
47 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
48 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
49 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
50 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
51 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
52 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation for "Personal
53 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
54 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
55 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
56 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
57 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2008 "Personal Services"
58 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
59 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
60 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
61 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.



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

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

75 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
76 Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting
77 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
78 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
79 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
80 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
81 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to
82 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
83 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
84 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

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

89 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
90 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
91 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
92 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
93 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
94 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to



95 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
96 made without competitive bids.

97 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
98 Section 1, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be derived
99 from the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund for the purpose
100 of making additional monies available for loan requests for
101 veteran applicants.

102 **SECTION 7.** 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 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
109 and after July 1, 2007.

