



27 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever  
28 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

29 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of  
30 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to  
31 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal  
32 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008  
33 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions  
34 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the  
35 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the  
36 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
37 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
38 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
39 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure  
40 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual  
41 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal  
42 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds  
43 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any  
44 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board  
45 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause  
46 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year  
47 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then  
48 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or  
49 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State  
50 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this  
51 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board  
52 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance  
53 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in  
54 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
56 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
62 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
63 appropriated level.

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

68 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
69 Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health may  
70 authorize increases in other objects of expenditure in total  
71 amounts not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the  
72 appropriated amount of each major object of expenditure, provided  
73 that other major objects of expenditure are decreased by a  
74 corresponding dollar amount. However, no transfers shall be  
75 authorized which increase the major object of expenditure  
76 "Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits."

77 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
78 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
79 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
80 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
81 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
82 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
83 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
84 made without competitive bids.

85 **SECTION 6.** It is legislative intent to ensure beneficial  
86 information reaches as many Mississippians as possible. Further,  
87 it is legislative intent that the expenditure of public funds for  
88 this purpose be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner.

89 Therefore, state agencies as standard procedure, will observe  
90 the following criteria:

- 91 (1) Develop goals and desired result for a campaign.
- 92 (2) Evaluate effectiveness through respected advertising  
93 standards, including market reach and cost effectiveness.
- 94 (3) Seek public service announcements, which would be aired  
95 by media without cost.
- 96 (4) Itemize and justify professional assistance and related  
97 expenses for creative and production costs outside of the actual  
98 media expenditures.
- 99 (5) Utilize Mississippi owned media companies when feasible.

100 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
101 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
102 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
103 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
104 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
105 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

106 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
107 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF  
2 ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE  
3 BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

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Jackson (32nd)

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Hyde-Smith

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Hudson