

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; Veterinary Exam. Bd.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

5           **SECTION 1.** That the following sum, or so much thereof as may  
6 be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of  
8 Veterinary Examiners for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
9 incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007,  
10 and ending June 30, 2008..... \$           120,810.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** Any transfers or escalations shall be made in  
12 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established  
13 by law.

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17 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

18           **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
19 Veterinary Examiners Board shall maintain complete accounting and  
20 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
21 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
22 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
23 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
24 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to  
25 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of

26 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
27 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

28         **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
29 Mississippi State Board of Veterinary Examiners shall have the  
30 authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source  
31 not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in  
32 accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance  
33 and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of  
34 federal funds.

35         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
36 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
37 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
38 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
39 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
40 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
41 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
42 made without competitive bids.

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

49         **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 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 OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE  
2 EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS  
3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Gordon

X (SIGNED)  
Gollott

X (SIGNED)  
Thames

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

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Read

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