

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1655

BY: Committee

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

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 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board for
10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
11 June 30, 2008..... \$ 7,000,000.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
14 Treasury to the credit of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board's
15 revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
16 Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as
17 authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and
18 ending June 30, 2008..... \$ 44,015,247.00.

19 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
20 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
21 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
22 expenditure:

23 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

24 Personal Services:

25	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	849,467.00
26	Travel and Subsistence.....		27,970.00
27	Contractual Services.....		324,150.00
28	Commodities.....		47,400.00
29	Capital Outlay:		
30	Other Than Equipment.....		0.00
31	Equipment.....		34,500.00
32	Vehicles.....		0.00
33	Wireless Communication Devices.....		0.00
34	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>49,731,760.00</u>
35	Total.....	\$	51,015,247.00

36 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

37	Permanent:	Full Time.....	16
38		Part Time.....	0
39	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
40		Part Time.....	0

41 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
42 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
43 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
44 Plan or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or Three Percent (3%)
45 whichever is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

46 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
47 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
48 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
49 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
50 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
51 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2009 budget by the
52 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
53 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
54 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
55 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
56 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure

57 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
58 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation for "Personal
59 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
60 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
61 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
62 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this
63 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2008 "Personal Services"
64 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which
65 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
66 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
67 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

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

81 The agency shall not take any action to promote or otherwise
82 award salary increases through reallocation, reclassification,
83 realignment, education benchmark, career ladder, or any other
84 means to increase salaries of employees or positions unless
85 specifically exempted by the following conditions: the award of
86 teacher pay increases, the advancement of a trainee/cadet to the
87 next level of a bona fide career ladder, the award of an
88 educational benchmark for the attainment of Certified Public

89 Accountant License or higher level professional certification as
90 determined by the State Personnel Board, the immediate replacement
91 of a departing employee with an individual from within state
92 service or a new hire at a salary level equivalent to that of the
93 departing employee, and the emergency appointment of nurses,
94 pharmacists or other health care professionals at a salary to be
95 determined by the State Personnel Board, unless otherwise
96 authorized in this act.

97 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
98 Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting
99 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
100 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the
101 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
102 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
103 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to
104 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
105 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
106 during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process.

107 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum
108 of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), or so much thereof as
109 may be available, shall come from the issuance and sale of revenue
110 bonds authorized by Chapter 501, Laws of 1985.

111 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
112 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
113 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
114 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
115 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
116 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
117 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
118 made without competitive bids.

119 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
120 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the

121 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
122 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
123 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
124 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

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