

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1725

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

### **AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**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 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, 2020, and  
12 ending June 30, 2021.....\$       46,113,159.00.

13           **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
14 Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

15       **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

16	Permanent:	Full Time.....	18
17		Part Time.....	0
18	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
19		Part Time.....	0

20       With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
21 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
22 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2022 do not

23 exceed Fiscal Year 2021 funds appropriated for that purpose,  
24 unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year  
25 2021 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data  
26 provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel  
27 Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to  
28 fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the  
29 provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the  
30 agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases  
31 this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2021  
32 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the  
33 exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at  
34 the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal  
35 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency  
36 has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this  
37 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2021 "Personal Services"  
38 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which  
39 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation  
40 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until  
41 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

42 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
43 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
44 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
45 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
46 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
47 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
48 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions

49 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
50 appropriated level.

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

55 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
56 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating  
57 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
58 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

59 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
60 Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting  
61 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
62 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
63 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
64 2020. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
65 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2022 shall be submitted to  
66 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
67 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
68 during the Fiscal Year 2021 budget request process.

69 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
70 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
71 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
72 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
73 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
74 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

75 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
76 made without competitive bids.

77         **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
78 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
79 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
80 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
81 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
82 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
83 actions contrary to this provision.

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

90         **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
91 Veterans' Home Purchase Board is hereby authorized to escalate,  
92 budget and expend funds from any source, not to exceed Ten Million  
93 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), for the purpose of making new home loans  
94 as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of  
95 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner  
96 consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

97         **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
98 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2020.

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