

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, Jackson (32nd), To: Appropriations  
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SENATE BILL NO. 2944  
(As Sent to Governor)

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 2022.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of  
8 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health  
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
10 June 30, 2022 ..... \$ 1,299,501.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special  
13 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available  
14 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board  
15 of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and  
16 ending June 30, 2022 ..... \$ 1,061,671.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
18 this act, the following positions are authorized:



19 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

20	Permanent:	Full Time .....	22
21		Part Time .....	0
22	Time-Limited:	Full Time .....	5
23		Part Time .....	0

24 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
25 responsibility to make certain that funds required to be  
26 appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not  
27 exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless  
28 programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022  
29 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by  
30 the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall  
31 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all  
32 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this  
33 act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the  
34 State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act,  
35 no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise  
36 award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If  
37 the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or  
38 circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and  
39 the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each  
40 action approved by the State Personnel Board to the Chairmen of  
41 the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the  
42 Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the  
43 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of



Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

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

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are



being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a three percent (3%) annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

**SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.



92           **SECTION 5.** The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is  
93 authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or  
94 contribution from any individual, public or private organization,  
95 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational  
96 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions  
97 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of  
98 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner  
99 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five  
100 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

101           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
102 Section 2, Forty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-one Dollars  
103 (\$48,741.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any  
104 money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense  
105 Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
106 and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.  
107 These funds are provided for equipment expenditures.

108           **SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
109 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
110 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
111 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
112 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
113 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
114 actions contrary to this provision.

115           **SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
116 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



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

121       **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
122 and after July 1, 2021.

