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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO LAW  
3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS AS PREMIUM PAY FOR THEIR  
4 HEIGHTENED RISK DURING THE ONGOING FEDERAL COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH  
5 EMERGENCY, AS PROVIDED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 1427, 2022 REGULAR  
6 SESSION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
9 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Mississippi Law  
10 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Fund not otherwise  
11 appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose  
12 of providing funds to law enforcement officers and fire fighters  
13 as premium pay for their heightened risk during the ongoing  
14 federal COVID-19 public health emergency, and reimbursing counties  
15 and municipalities that have already paid premium pay to their law  
16 enforcement officers and firefighters as provided in House Bill  
17 No. 1427, 2022 Regular Session, for the period beginning July 1,  
18 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.....\$ 15,000,000.00.



19           **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of  
20 this act, the term "department" means the Department of Public  
21 Safety.

22           (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
23 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
24 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
25 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
26 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
27 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
28 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
29 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
30 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
31 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
32 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
33 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
34 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
35 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
36 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
37 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
38 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
39 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
40 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
41 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
42 requirements.



43           **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
44 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the  
45 department shall certify to the Department of Finance and  
46 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to  
47 the department under this act complies with the guidelines,  
48 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
49 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
50 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State  
51 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

52           (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
53 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
54 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
55 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
56 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended  
57 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department  
58 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
59 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
60 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
61 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
62 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
63 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
64 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
65 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or  
66 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or  
67 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the



68 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
69 the federal government.

70         **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
71 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Mississippi Law  
72 Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Fund not otherwise  
73 appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer;  
74 and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon  
75 requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in  
76 the manner provided by law.

77         **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
78 and after its passage.

