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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1593

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE
2 STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE
3 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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 appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
8 expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal
9 year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
10\$ 11,989,094.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in
13 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of
14 Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by
15 or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the
16 various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning
17 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 130,000.00.



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

20 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

21	Permanent:	Full Time.....	132
22		Part Time.....	0
23	Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0
24		Part Time.....	0

25 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
26 responsibility to make certain that funds required for "Personal
27 Services" for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023
28 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions
29 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the
30 Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the
31 agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published
32 by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel
33 Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll
34 costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility
35 of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures
36 for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
37 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
38 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
39 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
40 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

41 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
42 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or



43 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
44 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
45 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
46 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
47 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
48 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
49 appropriated level.

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

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

58 Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of
59 funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered
60 under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation
61 Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the
62 funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the
63 minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

64 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
65 Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete
66 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
67 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be



68 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
69 Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that
70 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be
71 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
72 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
73 provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

74 **SECTION 5.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
75 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
76 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
77 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
78 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
79 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
80 performance measures provided below:

	FY2023
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, etc) Licenses Issued	150,000
Average Cost per License Issued	25.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	575,000
Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	24.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	13,000
Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	53.00
Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	538
Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	550.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	8,000



93	Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
94	Liquefied Compressed Gas	
95	Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths Due	
96	to Incidents Involving LCG	0
97	Number of Inspections	8,000
98	Average Cost per Inspection	60.00
99	Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
100	Average Cost per Safety Training School	145.00

101 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
102 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
103 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
104 Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

105 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
106 Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is
107 provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and
108 Certification Board.

109 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
110 Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars
111 (\$20,000.00) are provided and shall be expended to pay the annual
112 dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

113 **SECTION 8.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
114 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
115 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
116 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
117 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public



118 announcement or ceremony regarding any project for which the
119 Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any
120 public event or project shall include the following language:
121 "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi
122 State Legislature."

123 **SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
124 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
125 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
126 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
127 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
128 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
129 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
130 made without competitive bids.

131 **SECTION 10.** Within the limits of the funds available to the
132 Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the
133 Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department
134 may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior
135 undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in
136 risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a
137 master's degree in business administration. Those applicants
138 deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall
139 receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and
140 related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the
141 Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as



142 incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi
143 Insurance Department.

144 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
145 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the
146 State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and
147 services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies
148 and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements
149 providing fire prevention information.

150 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
151 of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
152 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
153 to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund,
154 for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective
155 uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and
156 market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning
157 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 130,000.00.

158 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
159 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State
160 Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund
161 and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created
162 in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary
163 Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural
164 Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year
165 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
166\$ 1,360,000.00.



167 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
168 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
169 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

170 **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
171 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State
172 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the
173 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck
174 Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire
175 Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of
176 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department
177 of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance
178 Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
179 June 30, 2023.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

180 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
181 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
182 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

183 **SECTION 15.** With the funds appropriated herein, the
184 Mississippi Department of Insurance is authorized to make payment
185 for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 as follows:

186 Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
187 Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2020	\$ 960.00
188 Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2021	\$ 150.00
189 Mike Chaney	2020	\$ 379.99

190 **SECTION 16.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
191 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



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

196 **SECTION 17.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
197 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022.

