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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1593
(As Sent to Governor)

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\$ 13,078,204.00.

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.....\$ 280,000.00.



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

20 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

21 Permanent:	Full Time.....	145
22 Time-Limited:	Full Time.....	0

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

39 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
40 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
41 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
42 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written



43 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
44 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
45 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
46 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
47 appropriated level.

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51 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

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

62 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
63 Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete
64 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
65 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
66 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
67 Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that



68 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be
69 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
70 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
71 provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

72 **SECTION 5.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
73 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
74 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized
75 in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the
76 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized,
77 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted
78 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
Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	



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

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

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

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

111 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
112 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall
113 be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
114 the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303,
115 Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined
116 by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall be provided for the
117 Department of Insurance to purchase vehicles for inspectors.



118 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Fifty
119 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be
120 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
121 the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303,
122 Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined
123 by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase
124 of smoke alarms.

125 **SECTION 10.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
126 of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members
127 of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate
128 are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony
129 announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public
130 announcement or ceremony regarding any project for which the
131 Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any
132 public event or project shall include the following language:
133 "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi
134 State Legislature."

135 **SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
136 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
137 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
138 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
139 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
140 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
141 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
142 made without competitive bids.



143 **SECTION 12.** Within the limits of the funds available to the
144 Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the
145 Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department
146 may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior
147 undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in
148 risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a
149 master's degree in business administration. Those applicants
150 deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall
151 receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and
152 related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the
153 Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as
154 incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi
155 Insurance Department.

156 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
157 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the
158 State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and
159 services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies
160 and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements
161 providing fire prevention information.

162 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
163 of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
164 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
165 to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund,
166 for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective
167 uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and



168 market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning
169 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 130,000.00.

170 **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
171 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
172 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck
173 Acquisition Assistance Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws
174 of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, the Supplemental Rural Fire
175 Truck Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third
176 Extraordinary Session, the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance
177 Fund which was created in House Bill 842 of the 2022 Regular
178 Session and the Annual Fire Fund which was created in House Bill
179 451 of the 2022 Regular Session, to the Mississippi Department of
180 Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program
181 as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
182 June 30, 2023:

183 Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance
184 Fund, Supplemental Rural Fire Truck
185 Fund, and/or Annual Fire Fund.....\$ 4,000,000.00.
186 Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund...\$ 2,000,000.00.

187 **SECTION 16.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
188 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State
189 Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund
190 and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created
191 in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary
192 Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural



193 Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year
194 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
195\$ 1,360,000.00.

196 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
197 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
198 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

199 **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
200 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State
201 Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the
202 purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck
203 Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire
204 Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of
205 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department
206 of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance
207 Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
208 June 30, 2023.....\$ 2,000,000.00.

209 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the
210 provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended
211 exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

212 **SECTION 18.** With the funds appropriated herein, the
213 Mississippi Department of Insurance is authorized to make payment
214 for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 as follows:

215 Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
216 Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2020	\$ 960.00
217 Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2021	\$ 150.00



218 Mike Chaney 2020 \$ 379.99

219 **SECTION 19.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
220 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
221 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
222 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
223 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
224 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

225 **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
226 and after July 1, 2022.

