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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3017

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 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 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, 2022, and ending

10 June 30, 2023 \$ 1,310,437.00.

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, 2022, and
16 ending June 30, 2023 \$ 758,857.00.

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	20
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 for "Personal
26 Services" for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023
27 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions
28 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the
29 Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the
30 agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published
31 by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel
32 Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll
33 costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility
34 of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures
35 for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the
36 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023
37 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions
38 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception
39 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

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



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

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52 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

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

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

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



69 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
70 made without competitive bids.

71 **SECTION 5.** The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is
72 authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or
73 contribution from any individual, public or private organization,
74 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational
75 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions
76 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of
77 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
78 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five
79 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

80 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
81 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
82 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
83 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
84 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
85 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
86 actions contrary to this provision.

87 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
88 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
89 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
90 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
91 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
92 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.



93 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
94 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed from and after
95 June 30, 2022.

