

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1593**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

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 funds  
28 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
29 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi  
30 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
31 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
32 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
33 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
34 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
35 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
36 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:

81		FY2023
82	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
83	Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
84	Number of (Producer, etc) Licenses Issued	150,000
85	Average Cost per License Issued	25.00
86	Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	575,000
87	Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	24.00
88	Number of Requests for Assistance	13,000



89	Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	53.00
90	Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	538
91	Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	550.00
92	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



deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

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

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

**SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created 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 29, 2022.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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.

