

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, DeLano, Butler  
(38th), Moran, Seymour

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3014

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES  
3 OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR  
4 EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR  
5 LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING  
6 PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK  
7 SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY  
8 SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID  
9 MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR  
10 2024.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
14 to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and  
15 Commerce's special fund account to the State Department of  
16 Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs  
17 of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs  
18 of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State  
19 Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning  
20 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,200,000.00.

21 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be  
22 necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General



23 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of  
24 Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

25 (a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior  
26 exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle,  
27 dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning  
28 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 54,066.00.

29 (b) To supplement the funds paid by the State  
30 Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at  
31 the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American  
32 system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes  
33 entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning  
34 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 18,565.00.

35 (c) For the county livestock shows in offering and  
36 paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county  
37 livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning  
38 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 12,644.00.

39 Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in  
40 paragraph (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
41 shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state  
42 during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the  
43 monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) shall be used in  
44 offering or paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is  
45 not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities  
46 available for such a show.



47            Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that the management of  
48 such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock  
49 association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount  
50 of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of  
51 prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been  
52 held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not  
53 exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon  
54 requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

55            Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that in any county which  
56 has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county  
57 has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held  
58 in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1)  
59 county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby  
60 appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate  
61 sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

62            (d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to  
63 competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the  
64 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
65 .....\$            54,585.00.

66            (e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to  
67 competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in  
68 Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal  
69 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
70 .....\$            7,066.00.



71            Provided, further, that no part of the money herein  
72 appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall  
73 be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said  
74 shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative  
75 appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock  
76 exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that  
77 none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district  
78 shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

79            Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein  
80 appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall  
81 be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and  
82 Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having  
83 entries in said shows.

84            All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of  
85 paragraphs (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows  
86 and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in  
87 such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal  
88 premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the  
89 said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state  
90 shows. The management of each district spring show and each state  
91 fall show shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture and  
92 Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said  
93 show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show,  
94 with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock  
95 exhibited.



96           The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together  
97 with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the  
98 Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall  
99 summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in  
100 all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows  
101 receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and  
102 (e). The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall  
103 approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for  
104 the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) due  
105 each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant  
106 thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

107           Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds  
108 appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e), that the board of  
109 directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion,  
110 choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If  
111 district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds  
112 herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows  
113 shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock  
114 exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable  
115 grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall  
116 livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for  
117 comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

118           (f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the  
119 Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals,



120 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
121 June 30, 2024.....\$ 11,884.00.

122 (g) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the  
123 Mississippi Junior High School Rodeo for attending the national  
124 finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
125 June 30, 2024.....\$ 10,000.00

126 (h) For the support of the Southern Cutting Futurity  
127 Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
128 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 42,730.00.

129 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, any funds  
130 that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be  
131 transferred between the different show awards and prize monies,  
132 with the exception that no county show in paragraph (c) shall  
133 receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

134 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
135 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
136 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
137 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
138 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
139 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
140 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
141 made without competitive bids.

142 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
143 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
144 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon



145 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
146 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
147 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

148         **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
149 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
150 June 30, 2023.

