

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Polk, DeLano, Butler  
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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3015

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 2024.

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, 2023, and ending  
10 June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,503,301.00.

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, 2023, and  
16 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 874,803.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 22

21 Time-Limited: 5

22 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
23 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
24 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
25 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
26 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
27 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's  
28 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
29 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
30 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
31 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
32 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
33 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
34 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
35 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
36 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
37 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

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



44 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
45 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
46 appropriated level.

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

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

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

61 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
62 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
63 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
64 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
65 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
66 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
67 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
68 made without competitive bids.



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

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

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



92           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
93 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
94 June 30, 2023.

