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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.

