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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3015
(As Sent to Governor)

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.....\$ 1,641,833.00.

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.....\$ 1,253,690.00.

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



19 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

20 Permanent: 23

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 the State Personnel Board
29 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
30 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
31 2024 that may not be utilized for active Fiscal Year 2023
32 Headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
33 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
34 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
35 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
36 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
37 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
38 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

39 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
40 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
41 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
42 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 do
43 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If



44 the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 projected cost exceeds the
45 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the
46 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
47 essential for the agency.

48 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
49 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
50 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
51 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
52 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
53 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
54 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
55 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
56 appropriated level.

57 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
58 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
59 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
60 withdrawn and no longer available.

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

65 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
66 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
67 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
68 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,



69 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
70 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
71 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
72 made without competitive bids.

73 **SECTION 5.** The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is
74 authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or
75 contribution from any individual, public or private organization,
76 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational
77 costs of the department. Such grants, donations, contributions,
78 and any carryover funds shall be received and expended under the
79 rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
80 Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
81 federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
82 (\$500,000.00).

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

90 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred
91 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided from the Animal
92 Health Disaster Response Fund as created in House Bill No. 603,
93 2023 Regular Session. These funds are provided for expenses



94 incurred by the Board of Animal Health in responding to animal
95 disease outbreaks as outlined in House Bill No. 603, 2023 Regular
96 Session.

97 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
98 Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred
99 Dollars (\$112,500.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of
100 any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital
101 Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code
102 of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State
103 Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Board of Animal Health
104 for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles.

105 **SECTION 9.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
106 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
107 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
108 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
109 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
110 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

111 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
112 and after July 1, 2023.

