

**House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 3037**

**TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**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 hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered  
8 Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
9 of the board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
10 ending June 30, 2024.....\$                   138,639.00.

11           **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
12 this act, the following positions are authorized:

13           AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:  
14           Permanent:                   1  
15           Time-Limited:                0

16           With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's  
17 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal  
18 Services for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2024 funds  
19 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are  
20 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 budget by the Mississippi  
21 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's

22 personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the  
23 State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board  
24 shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs  
25 based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the  
26 agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for  
27 Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed the data provided by the  
28 Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2024  
29 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions  
30 shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception  
31 of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

32 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
33 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or  
34 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State  
35 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written  
36 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The  
37 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written  
38 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions  
39 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the  
40 appropriated level.

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

45 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
46 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating

47 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
48 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

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

55 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
56 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
57 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
58 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
59 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind  
60 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
61 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
62 made without competitive bids.

63 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
64 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
65 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
66 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their  
67 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
68 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
69 actions contrary to this provision.

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

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

76 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
77 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed from and after  
78 June 29, 2023.

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

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL  
3 GEOLOGISTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

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