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By: Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, To: Appropriations C; Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Appropriations A Young

HOUSE BILL NO. 1793

1 AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE 2 PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER 3 EXAMINERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 4 5 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury 6 to the credit of the State Board of Barber Examiners, for the 7 purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year 8 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025..... 9\$ 332,928.00. 10 11 SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized: 12 13 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT: 14 Permanent: 4 0 15 Time-Limited: With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's 16 17 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal 18 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds H. B. No. 1793 ~ OFFICIAL ~ A1/2 19 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are 20 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi 21 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal 22 services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall 23 publish. In accordance with applicable laws, if an agency 24 determines that its personal services amount is insufficient, the 25 agency must contact the State Personnel Board. Any adjustment to 26 the personal services amount must be approved by the State 27 Personnel Director and the State Fiscal Officer after consultation 28 with the Legislative Budget Office. Any adjustment shall be 29 reported to the Legislative Budget Office and the House and Senate 30 Appropriations Chairmen. The agency's personal services 31 appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved 32 vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may not be utilized for active 33 Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's 34 responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are 35 used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, 36 in-range salary adjustments, or any other mechanism for increasing 37 salaries for current employees. If the State Personnel Board 38 determines that an agency has used provided vacancy funds for any 39 of the mechanisms previously listed, the State Personnel Board 40 shall not process any additional salary actions for the agency in the current fiscal year, except for new hires determined by the 41 42 State Personnel Board to be essential for the agency. It is the 43 Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the

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46 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and 47 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current 48 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to 49 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do 50 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's projected cost for Fiscal Year 2025 exceeds the 51 52 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the 53 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be 54 essential for the agency.

55 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with 56 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or 57 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State 58 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written 59 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The 60 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written 61 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the 62 63 appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available. 68 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in 69 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A 70 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor. 71 72 SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance 73 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of 74 the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the 75 76 intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, 77 this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted 78 performance measures provided below: 79 FY2025

80 Performance Measures Target 81 Examination 82 Number of Examinations Given 425 83 Licensure & Regulation Average Time of Processing In State Licenses 84 1 85 Average Time of Processing Out of State 86 1 Licenses

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

91 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the 92 State Board of Barber Examiners shall maintain complete accounting 93 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds H. B. No. 1793 OFFICIAL ~ 24/HR13/A840 PAGE 4 94 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the 95 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 96 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the 97 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to 98 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of 99 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided 100 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

101 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that 102 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the 103 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things 104 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, 105 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind 106 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to 107 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are 108 made without competitive bids.

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

116 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by 117 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the 118 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon

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119 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal 120 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the 121 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law. 122 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from 123 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2024.